

Desired Goals of the PBT Reduction Strategy Team

Long Term Goals

- Virtually eliminate the release of any or all persistent toxic substances to the Great Lakes basin,
- Prevent the release of toxic substances in toxic amounts to the Great Lakes basin,
- Identify and prevent the release of any or all newly identified sources of persistent toxic substances and “toxic substances in toxic amounts” that may enter the Great Lakes basin, including working with other parties (such as national agencies and international programs) to prevent releases that may also be transported to the Great Lakes basin,
- Remove all Great Lakes fish and wildlife consumption advisories based on toxic constituent concentrations,
- Remediate all sediments contaminated with persistent toxic substances in the Great Lakes basin,
- Remediate other historical/reservoir sources of persistent toxic substances which impact the Great Lakes basin,
- Protect the general public from toxic substances through effective and consistent outreach and education,

Short Term Goals

- Completely integrate Great Lakes States’ standards consistent with 40 CFR 132--Great Lakes Water Quality Guidance into NPDES permits,
- Universal compliance with State Great Lakes Water Quality Guidance standards,
- Universal compliance with the criteria set forth in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, as amended,
- Implement the toxic substances goals and objectives of the Great Lakes Binational Toxics Strategy, the Lake-Wide Area Management Plans and The Great Lakes Strategy 2002,
- Produce and communicate fish consumption advice throughout the Great Lakes basin which consistently protect the general public, particularly sensitive and high risk populations