

Great Lakes Regional Collaboration
Sustainable Development Strategy Team – Water Infrastructure Workgroup
Conference Call Summary
March 22, 2005
11:00 am EST (10:00 am CST)

Participants:

Jon Allen, Consumers Energy Company
Martha Brand, Center for Environmental Advocacy
Kevin Kincare, U.S. Geological Survey
Becky Lameka, Great Lakes Commission
Jan Miller, U.S. Corps of Engineers

Becky Lameka welcomed everyone on the call and took a roll call.

Jan Miller, co-chair of the Sustainable Development Strategy Team, gave a background on the evolution of this workgroup. Originally, as an important element to sustainable development in the Great Lakes region, water supply, use and infrastructure was identified as an area to be addressed in the strategy team's final report to the Executive Committee. However, for the past three years a regional process – the Great Lakes Charter Annex 2001 - has been underway by the states to tackle the same issues. Facilitated by the Council of Great Lakes Governors (CGLG), Annex 2001 process is developing a binding set of agreements among states to manage water withdrawal and diversions within the Great Lakes region. The CGLG wants the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration to steer clear away from the issues discussed under the Annex 2001 process. This situation changes the workgroup's purpose.

The **purpose** of this workgroup is to evaluate the sustainability of the water infrastructure in the Great Lakes region as it relates to supply and return.

The **goal** is to develop a 7 to 10 page report to be integrated into the overall Sustainable Development Strategy Team report (Refer to: <http://www.glin.net/sdstrategyteam/documents/GuidanceWorkgroupReports.pdf> for guidance on report)

The workgroup should include a prioritized list for recommended actions (Refer to <http://www.glin.net/sdstrategyteam/documents/InputPrioritiesRecommendations.pdf> for guidance on recommendations).

Other workgroups have been moving ahead in developing draft outlines and reports which are (or will be) posted on the individual workgroup pages of the Strategy Team's web site: www.glin.net/sdstrategteam Workgroup members are encouraged to review these drafts and provide comments to the workgroup co-chairs.

Deadlines (refer to the home page of the website):

March 31 – produce a draft outline to post on workgroup web page: www.glin.net/sdstrategyteam/
April 21 – draft reports for each workgroup to be posted on Strategy Team web site for review and comment
April 28-29 – Sustainable Development Strategy Team meeting in Traverse City, Mich. (refer to web site's home page for more details)

To get all the ideas of all workgroup members, a framework in an excel spreadsheet will be made. The framework will follow the three basic steps outlined in the Strategy Team's work plan: use and description of trends, sustainable practices and recommendations. Becky Lameka, workgroup co-chair, will draft the framework.

Action Item #1: Workgroup members will be able to comment on the framework (suggesting either add or change columns/rows, etc.) by end of business on **Friday, March 25**.

Action Item #2: Then, the end of business Friday, April 1, will be the deadline for workgroup members to provide input into the matrix.

Action Item #3: The next conference call will take place in the first week of April, please email Becky Lameka your availability that week a.s.a.p. so she can schedule a date and time. This conference call will discuss the matrix and the outline of the group's report.

Please email Becky Lameka (blameka@glc.org) suggestions, comments or concerns.