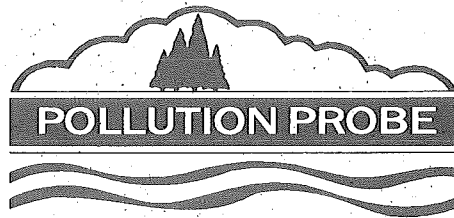


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Dear Sarah:

**Re: Progress Report of the Sunset Chemicals Project for the Great Lakes**

We are writing to give you an update on the Sunset Chemicals Project for the Great Lakes. This is a joint project of Pollution Probe and the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. As you have been identified as a Great Lakes leader, we hope that the following progress report will provide you with an insightful view of the Project. In turn, we hope that you will take the opportunity to share any related experience with us and possibly comment on any of the project's activities.

The Sunset Project will contribute to the fulfilment of the zero discharge goal of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. The term "Sunsetting" has been used to describe the process of phasing out or banning of persistent toxic chemicals. A recent study by the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy and the U.S. National Wildlife Federation (1991) outlined a strategy to achieve the goal of zero discharge. One of its primary components was the recommendation to develop a Sunset Chemicals Protocol for persistent toxic substances. The International Joint Commission recently recommended a similar protocol in its Sixth Biennial Report. Our project builds on these recommendations and attempts to develop a Sunset Chemicals Protocol.

The Sunset Chemicals Project for the Great Lakes is comprised of four Primary elements: the development of criteria to identify target chemicals; the identification of a sunset list; the implementation of the Protocol; and the development of a "Sunrise" process for future chemicals.

Overall, the project is proceeding very well, with the following highlights and achievements:

- \* the federal Minister of the Environment announced his support for a national sunset program and has commenced a multi-stakeholder committee to determine which substances shall be phased-out and banned and which implementation tools are to be used;
- \* the Ontario government announced its sunset chemicals list;
- \* the first draft of the Project's scientific criteria, to decide which substances are sunset candidates, has been completed and comments have been received from a group of advisors;
- \* the first draft of the legal and implementation study has been completed;
- \* the first draft of the design for the sunset outreach campaign has been completed and is being circulated for comments;
- \* several outreach materials and activities have been undertaken; and
- \* one sunset workshop was held in December of 1991 in Detroit, with the next one planned for September 23 and 24, 1992 in Traverse City, Michigan.

We welcome any comments or questions you have regarding the Sunset Chemicals Project for the Great Lakes, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,



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