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Dear Ms. Miller:

On behalf of the Great Lakes Commission, I am pleased to invite you to serve on a Stakeholder's Advisory Committee formed for a new project titled: A Water Resources Management Decision Support System for the Great Lakes. Supported by the Great Lakes Protection Fund, the project will produce a status assessment of Great Lakes water resources; an inventory of the sources and use of Great Lakes water; and an assessment of the ecological impacts of water withdrawal. Collectively, this will lay the framework for a decision support system directly applicable to the water management decision process being developed by the Great Lakes governors and premiers.

The Stakeholder's Advisory Committee is comprised of representatives of numerous agencies and organizations (government, citizen-based, and industry/user groups) that are involved or otherwise interested in the acquisition, dissemination and/or application of Great Lakes-St. Lawrence water resources data and information. Meeting on a semiannual basis (with periodic consultation between meetings), the Committee will provide advice to a Project Management Team comprised of U.S. and Canadian federal, state and provincial agency representatives.

The first meeting of the Stakeholder's Advisory Committee will be held on January 26, 2001 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and members of the Project Management Team will be present. Additional details are forthcoming. In the interim, I invite you to review the attached project Work Plan, list of Project Management Team members, and list of agencies and organizations being invited to serve on the Stakeholder's Advisory Committee.

We would appreciate a call or email by Friday, December 15 to inform us of your organization's representative and alternate. Please direct this information, and any inquiries, to Tom Crane (tcrane@glc.org) or Tom Rayburn (tray@glc.org) at 734-665-9135.

Sincerely,

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