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You are invited to a meeting on progress in reducing toxic chemical discharges to the Niagara River. This meeting will also focus on the remedial progress at hazardous waste sites. The meeting is sponsored by the members of the Coordination Committee of the Niagara River Toxics Management Plan, which consists of senior representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Environment Canada, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy. The meeting will be held:

PLEASE NOTE, TIME CHANGE:

6:00 - 8:00 pm, Thursday, June 16, 1994
Grand Island Holiday Inn
100 Whitehaven Road
Grand Island, NY

If you plan on attending the meeting, or are interested in obtaining any documents that become available prior to the meeting date, please contact:

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The next step being taken by the Four Parties is to summarize the comments we have received at the workshop as from other sources. A summary of public input will be produced by early 1995. The summary will provide the Niagara River Secretariat with information necessary for developing recommendations about various aspects of the NRTMP process. The Secretariat will submit their recommendations to the Coordination Committee in March 1995.

As a result of the workshop, the Four Parties are forming a temporary Public Involvement Workgroup. The workgroup will include approximately seven members from the public and four agency staff. The objective of this group will be to develop recommendations about how to involve people in the NRTMP process, what communication tools would be most effective and how to enhance the role of public involvement in the NRTMP process.

The workgroup will be formed in January 1995 and will work intensely for 6-8 weeks. We anticipate convening several conference calls and holding one or two meetings. Due to the intensity of work and short time frame, members will be selected by the agencies. If you are interested in being considered for this workgroup, please contact one of the individuals listed below.

On behalf of all the Coordinators, I want to express how pleased we are that the workshop produced such beneficial comments. We encourage you to send any written comments on the Issues For Discussion document by **January 16, 1995**. We would like to involve additional people in the Niagara River Toxics Management Plan and are hoping that you will share the information from the workshop with others. If you have any specific questions regarding the workshop, please contact either of the following:

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Sincerely yours,



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To Niagara River workshop participants and interested parties,

On behalf of the Niagara River Coordination Committee, I would like to thank those of you who attended the Niagara River Workshop on December 8, 1994. We felt that the workshop was well attended, the discussions were lively, and the break-out groups allowed for sharing of information and critical thinking. The suggestions and comments you generated during the discussions are useful to us as we continue our evaluation of the Niagara River Toxics Management Plan (NRTMP). We missed those of you who could not attend and we hope to see you at future workshops.

The Coordination Committee heard many comments, concerns and suggestions during the workshop. During the next few months we will be carefully reviewing and considering all the input from the workshop. However, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you selected comments we heard during the workshop. We organized these comments into the following groups:

Comments about the NRTMP Process:

- continue the level of openness and candor in future discussions with people
- emphasize the value of partnerships and stewardship activities
- assess the issues associated with linking the NRTMP with upstream/downstream environmental management plans

Comments on Communication and Outreach Activities:

- develop more "user friendly" documents and reports
- broaden the nature and extent of public involvement in the NRTMP
- target information/education activities to specific audiences

Comments on Technical Issues:

- develop consistent water quality standards, fish consumption advisories and data analysis methods
- identify environmental goals that are measurable and tangible



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