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GREAT LAKES BINATIONAL TOXICS STRATEGY

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WORKSHOP – DAY 1

Draft Agenda May 15, 2007

Thursday & Friday May 24th and 25th, 2007

Lake Michigan room, 12th floor
77 West Jackson
Chicago, Illinois

Strategy's Future Focus & Challenges Sound Management of Chemicals in the Great Lakes Basin

Workshop Purpose: To consider ways in which the GLBTS should continue to move forward with its mission to ensure the sound management of chemicals in the Great Lakes Basin.

Day 1 Theme: Framing Deliberations

- 08:00am** **Workshop Check-in and Registration - Continental Breakfast – Hosted by Ontario Ministry of the Environment**
- 8:30am** **Welcome and Introductions** - Gary Gulezian, Director Great Lakes National Program Office, United States Environmental Protection Agency & Danny Epstein, Director, Environmental Protection Branch, Environment Canada
Outcome: *Charge to the participants as to the purpose, structure, expected results of the workshop.*
- 9:00am** **Presentation Overview & Charge – A Future GLBTS Structure and Mandate under a Revised GLWQA**
Outcome: *This overview presentation will establish a context to frame participant deliberations in the small group break-out sessions to discuss recommendations emerging from the GLWQA Review process (Annex12) which may impact the Strategy structure and mandate*
- 9:30am** **Small Group Breakout Facilitated Sessions**
Working in small groups with facilitative assistance, participants will discuss implications of recommendations being contemplated under the GLWQA. These deliberations will serve as a basis for discussions on Day Two of the Workshop.
- Break -**
- 11:30 am** **Report Back to Plenary**

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:30pm **Presentation Overview & Charge – Future GLBTS Management Options for Addressing New Substances**

***Outcome:** This overview presentation will establish a context to frame participant deliberations in the small group break-out sessions that follow. Participants will be provided with an overview of the Strategy's existing mandate and structure, and a draft GLBTS Evaluation Framework.*

2:00pm **Small Group Breakout Facilitated Sessions**

Working in small groups with facilitative assistance, participants will explore potential alternate management options for the sound management of chemicals within the Great Lakes Basin. These deliberations will serve as a basis for discussions on Day Two of the Workshop.

Break - Hosted by Ontario Ministry of the Environment

4:30pm **Report Back to Plenary**

5:00pm **Adjourn**

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Day 2 Theme: Developing Options for the Strategy's Future Focus

8:00am **Workshop Check-in and Registration - Continental Breakfast – Hosted by Ontario Ministry of the Environment**

8:30am **Welcome and Introductions** - Gary Gulezian, Director Great Lakes National Program Office, United States Environmental Protection Agency & Danny Epstein, Director, Environmental Protection Branch, Environment Canada

8:45am Synthesis of Day One Small Group Sessions

Outcome: *The purpose of this session is to synthesize outcomes from small group discussions from Day One to identify common themes with respect to a future GLBTS structure and mandate as well as management aspects of the GLBTS Evaluation Framework*

9:15am Discussion on the Future GLBTS Structure and Mandate under a Revised GLWQA**10:30am Break****10:45am Discussion on a Future GLBTS Management Options for Addressing New Substances****12:00 Adjourn****Notes:**

1. For the purposes of small group sessions, participants will be pre-assigned to a small group. Each group will have 10-15 participants. Pre-assigning participants to a small group ensures that the composition of each group is balanced with respect to both number of members as well as participant background, interest, and expertise.
2. Each small group will have the benefit of a professional facilitator who will assist the group with process management and recording. Questions to frame but not dictate the nature of deliberations will be posed by each group's facilitator which will ensure consistency across deliberations and promote synthesis.
3. In both small group and plenary sessions, participants will be encouraged to fully and frankly deliberate the subject matter under consideration. Facilitators will create an environment where all participants and views are respected. Moreover, consensus as to views and outcomes is not a goal of this Workshop. It is anticipated that the outcome of the Workshop will be options for the future structure / mandate of the GLBTS regarding the GLWQA and Annex 12 and possible new GLBTS management options for addressing new substances of Great Lakes concern and as such may reflect both majority and minority views; consideration of all views is warranted.