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Great Lakes Binational Toxics Strategy Stakeholder Forum

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GLBTS Agreement – Scope and Effect

- The two nations will share information regarding the persistence, bioaccumulation potential, and toxicity of Level II substances. In addition, EC and USEPA in cooperation with their partners will periodically examine the substances addressed by the Strategy to determine whether any Level II substances should be elevated to the Level I list, whether new substances which present threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem should be considered for inclusion on the Level I or II lists, and whether any other changes should be made. If a substance is identified as Level I the two countries will set binational virtual elimination challenges for it. Elevation to Level I or removal of a substance from Level II will be made with appropriate opportunity for public review and comment.

<http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/p2/bns.html>