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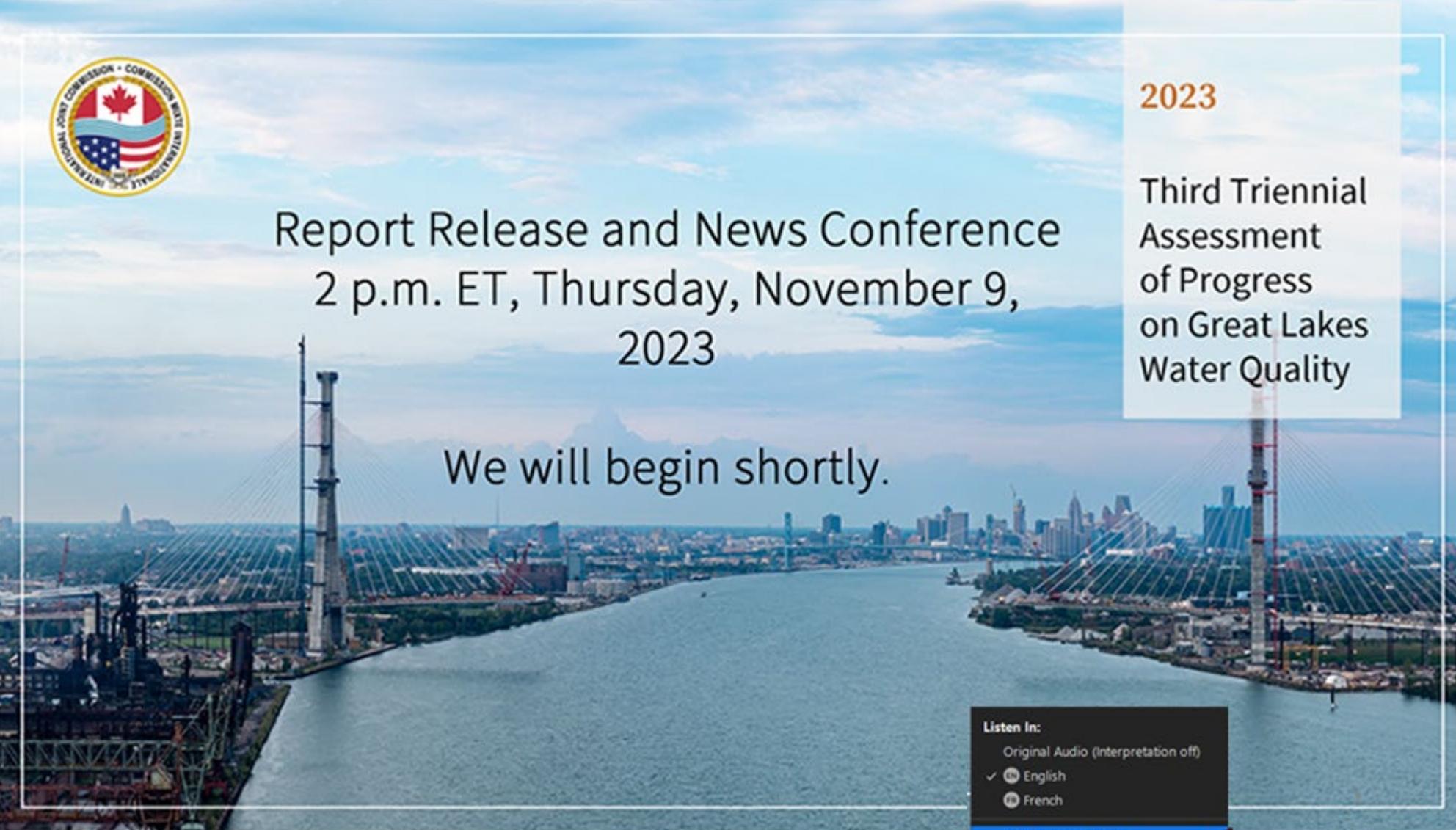
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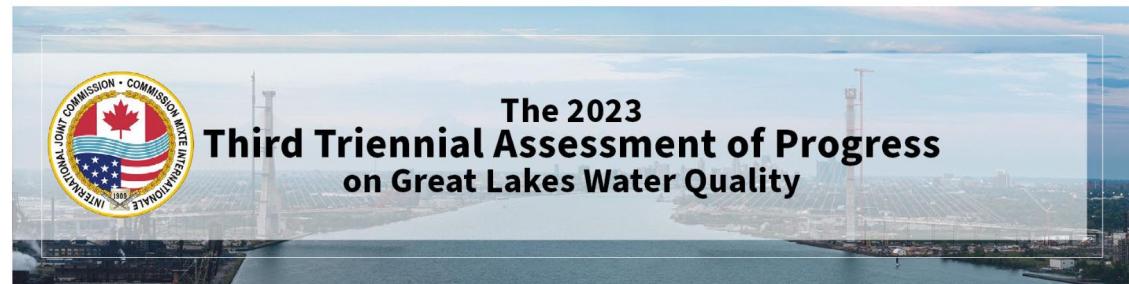
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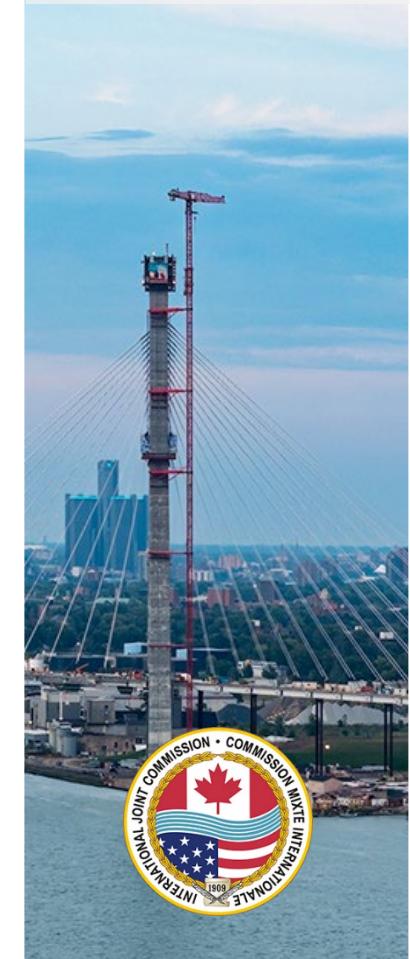
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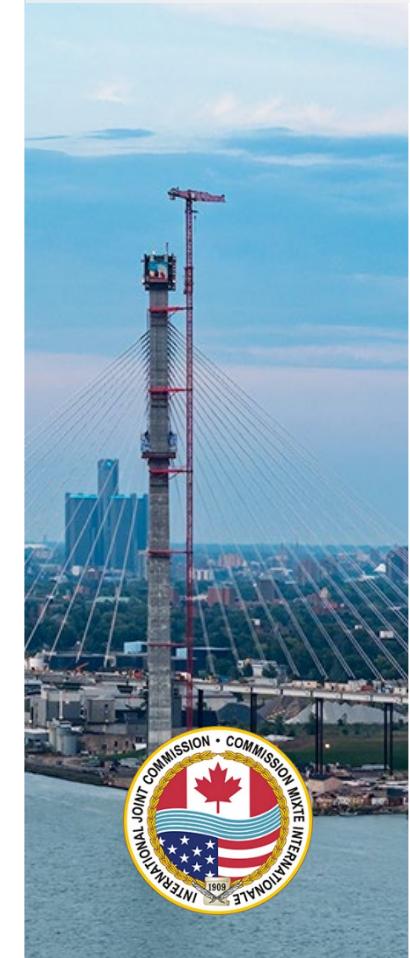
The International Joint Commission's (IJC) 2023 Third Triennial Assessment of Progress (TAP) on Great Lakes Water Quality is a three-year review of federal government progress under the Canada-US Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement toward healthier Great Lakes.

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Today's Agenda

- Background about the International Joint Commission
- Mandates of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
- 2023 TAP Recommendations
- Question-and-Answer Session
- Event will be recorded and shared.



How to Be Part of Today's Event – And Beyond

- Use the Q&A in Zoom to enter questions during live event.
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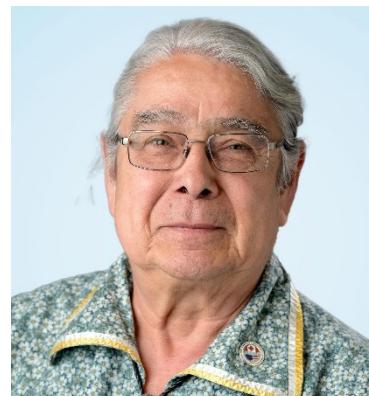
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Robert Sisson
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Lance Yohe
US Commissioner



Henry Lickers
Canadian Commissioner



Merrell-Ann Phare
Canadian Commissioner

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Recommendations

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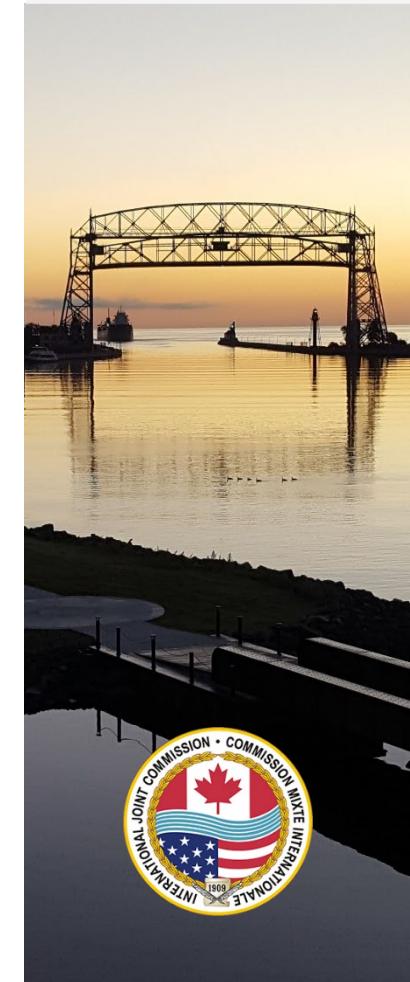


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Commissioner Gerald Acker

The work you're seeing represented in this TAP report has origins going back more than 50 years when the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement was signed.



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Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

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*Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America
on Great Lakes Water Quality, 1978, as Amended on October 16, 1983,
and on November 18, 1987*

*Signed September 7, 2012
Entered into force February 12, 2013*



Canada



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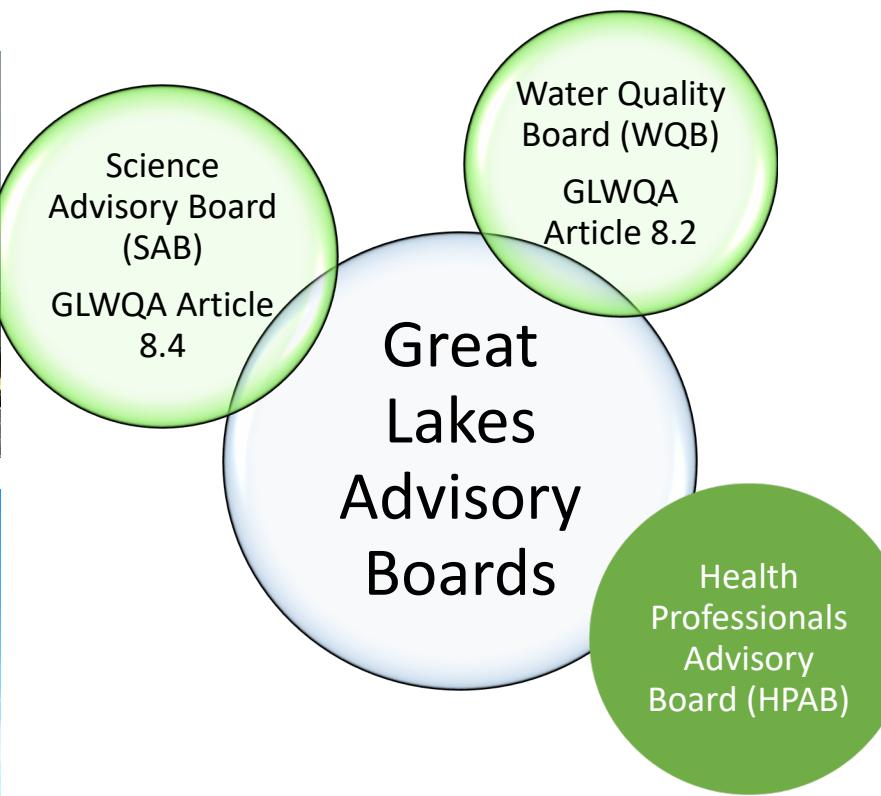
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STATE OF THE GREAT LAKES
2022 REPORT

An overview of the status and trends
of the Great Lakes ecosystem

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PROGRESS REPORT
OF THE PARTIES

Pursuant to the 2012 Canada-United States
Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

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Board insights
Comments from the public



TAP Section 3.3

PROGRESS UPDATE:

Achieving the Agreement's Water Quality Objectives

GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT GENERAL OBJECTIVES					
					
Be a source of safe, high-quality drinking water		Allow for swimming and other recreational use, unrestricted by environmental quality concerns		Allow for human consumption of fish and wildlife unrestricted by concerns due to harmful pollutants	
					
Be free from pollutants in quantities or concentrations that could be harmful to human health, wildlife, or aquatic organisms through direct or indirect exposure through the food chain		Support healthy and productive wetlands and other habitats to sustain resilient populations of native species		Be free from nutrients that directly or indirectly enter the water as a result of human activity, in amounts that promote the growth of algae and cyanobacteria that interfere with aquatic ecosystem health, or human use of the ecosystem	
					
Be free from the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species and free from the introduction and spread of terrestrial invasive species that adversely impact the quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes		Be free from the harmful impact of contaminated groundwater		Be free from other substances, materials or conditions that may negatively impact the chemical, physical or biological integrity of the Waters of the Great Lakes	
ANNEXES					
1	AREAS OF CONCERN	2	LAKEWIDE MANAGEMENT	3	CHEMICALS OF MUTUAL CONCERN
4	NUTRIENTS	5	DISCHARGES FROM VESSELS		
6	AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES	7	HABITAT AND SPECIES	8	GROUNDWATER
9	CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS	10	SCIENCE		



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Commissioner Lance Yohe

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Traditional Ecological Knowledge

“We call this knowledge the Indigenous ways of knowing ... and we have identified opportunities for the two governments to expand the development of more culturally relevant policies and programs that are part of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.”



Commissioner Rob Sisson

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Climate Resiliency

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“This recommendation is calling for the federal governments’ continued investment and resource commitments to support coordination between multiple levels of government toward climate resiliency and adaptation.”



Commissioner Merrell-Ann Phare

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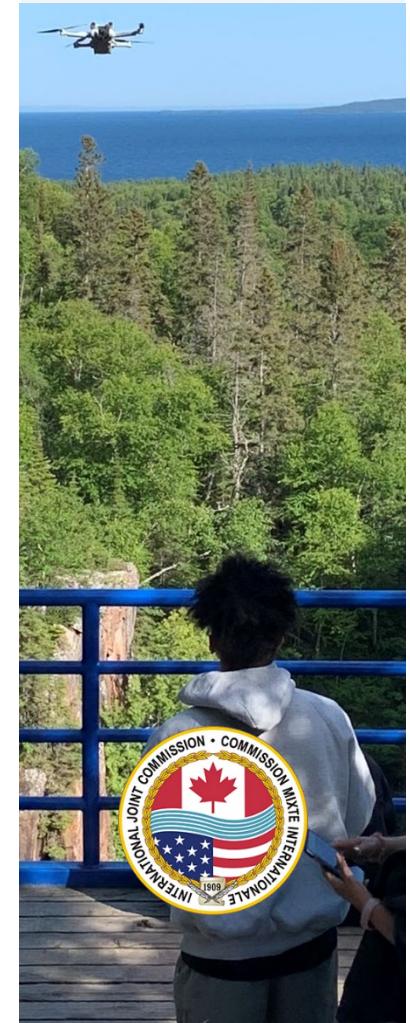


Great Lakes Science Plan

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“The knowledge that a 10-year science plan will create will help identify, protect against, recover from, predict and avoid threats that damage the ecosystems and communities in the Great Lakes.”



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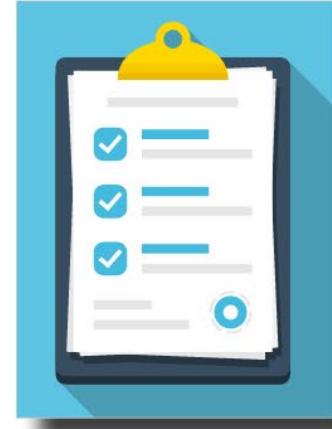


GLRO Director Heather Stirratt

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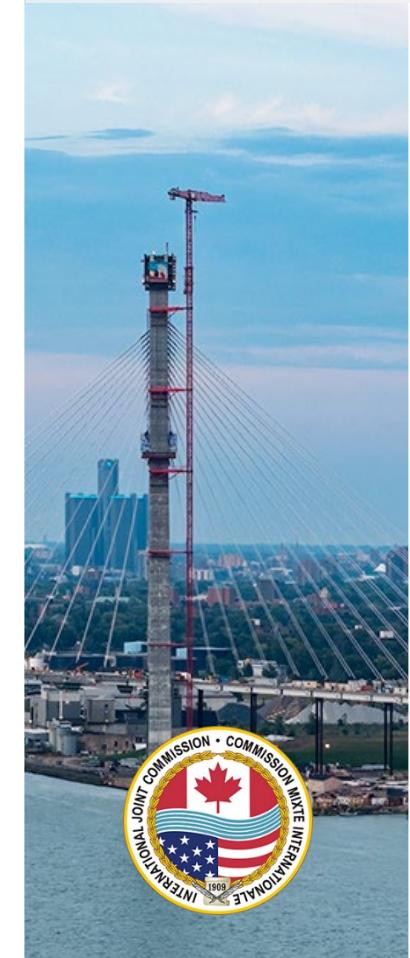
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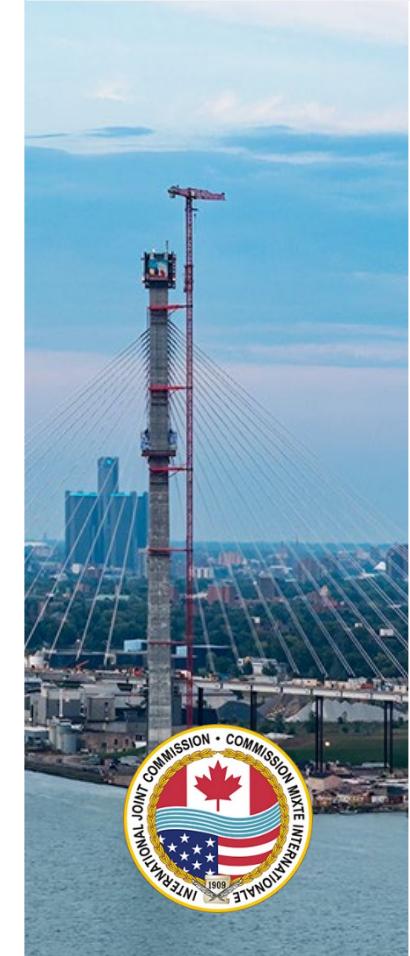
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