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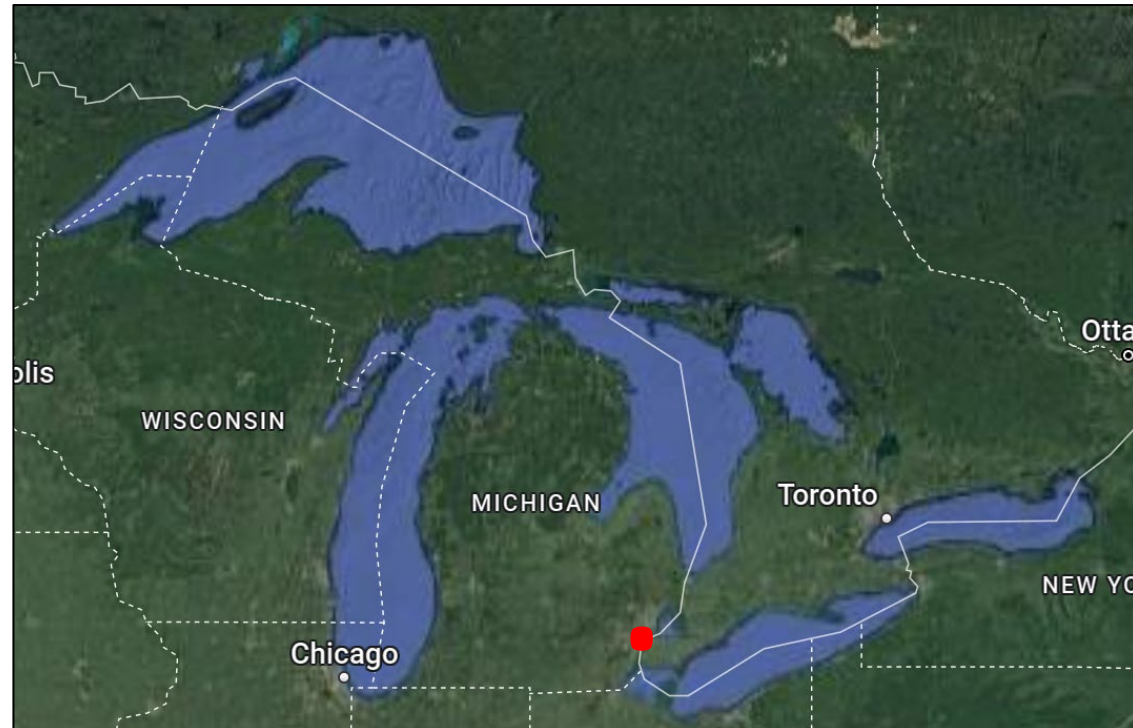
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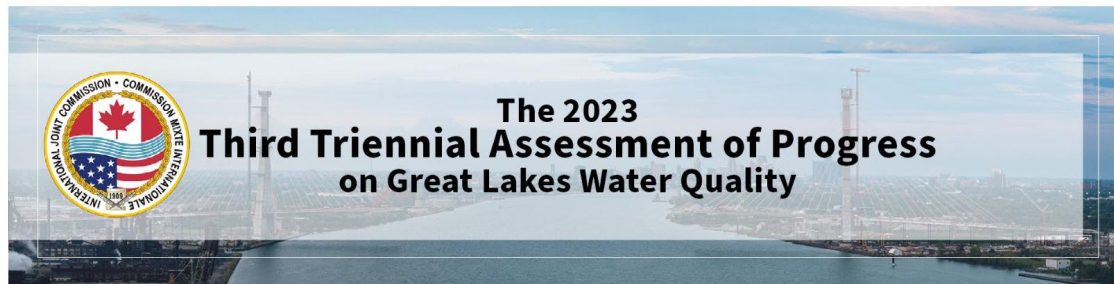
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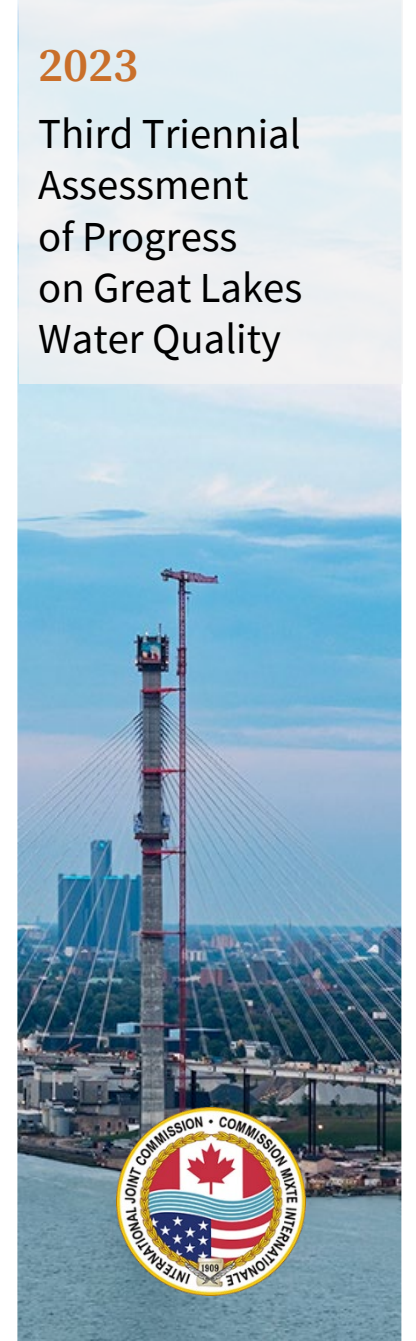
## 2023 Third Triennial Assessment of Progress Report on Great Lakes Water Quality



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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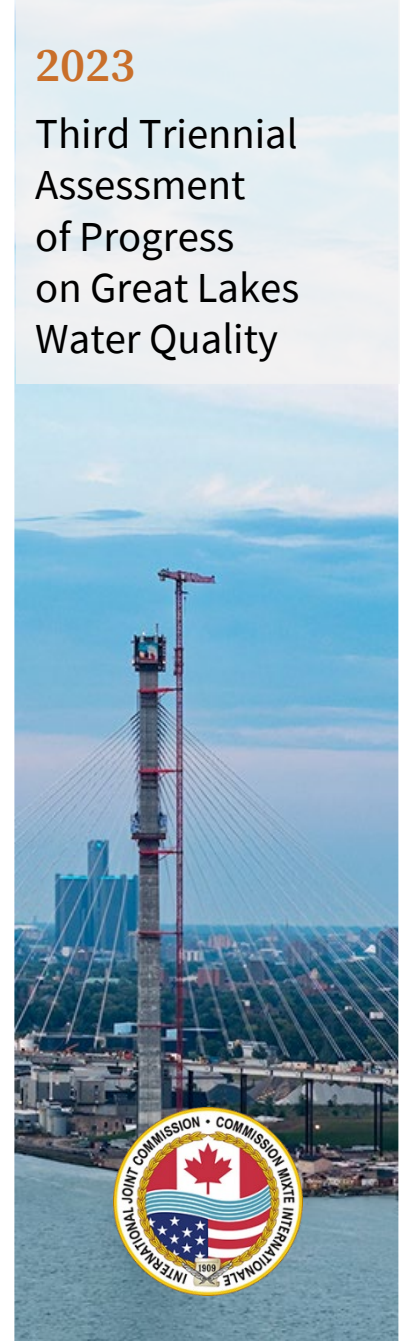
# Today's Agenda

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- 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.

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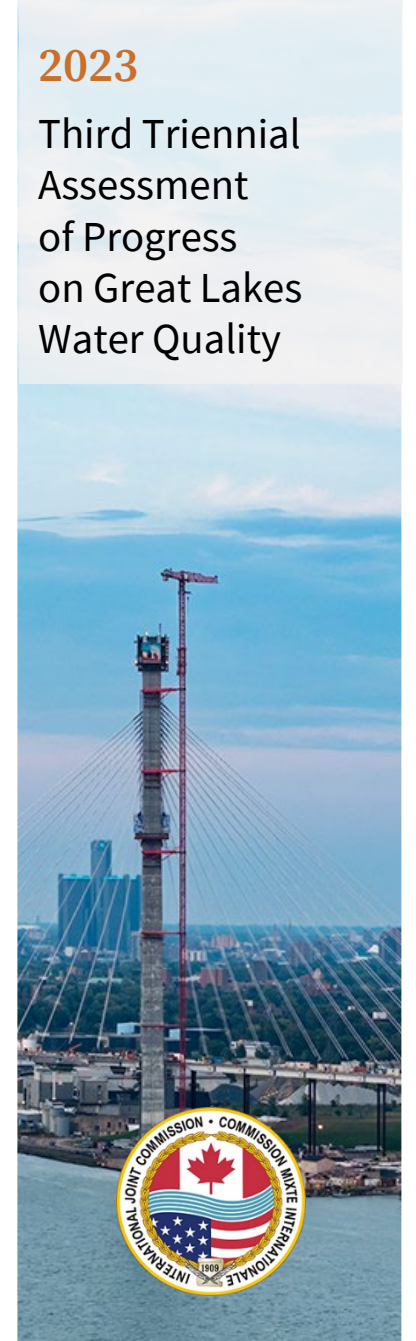
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# IJC Commissioners



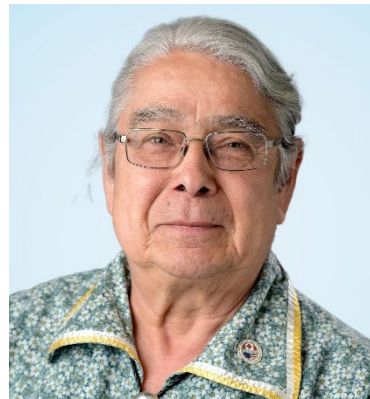
**Gerald Acker**  
US Co-Chair



**Robert Sisson**  
US Commissioner



**Lance Yohe**  
US Commissioner



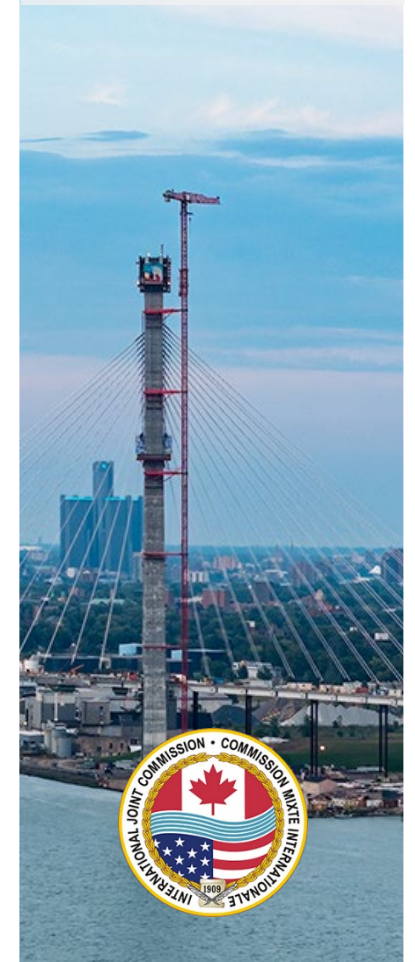
**Henry Lickers**  
Canadian Commissioner



**Merrell-Ann Phare**  
Canadian Commissioner

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# Recommendations

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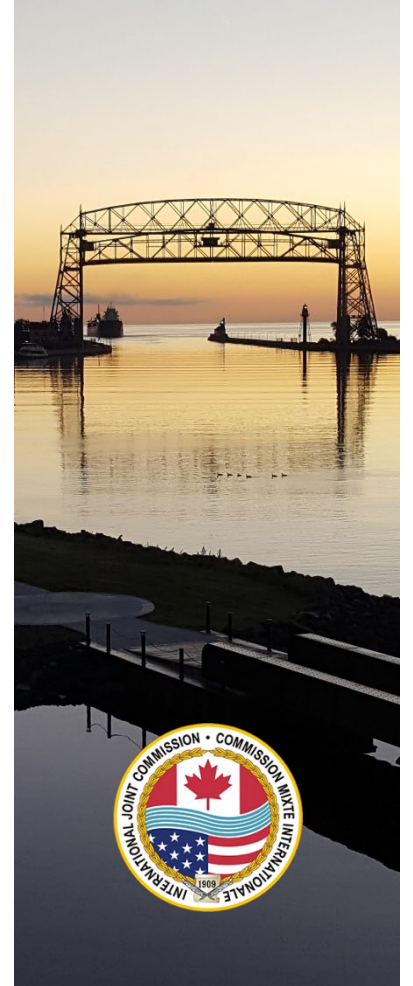
# Commissioner Gerald Acker

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“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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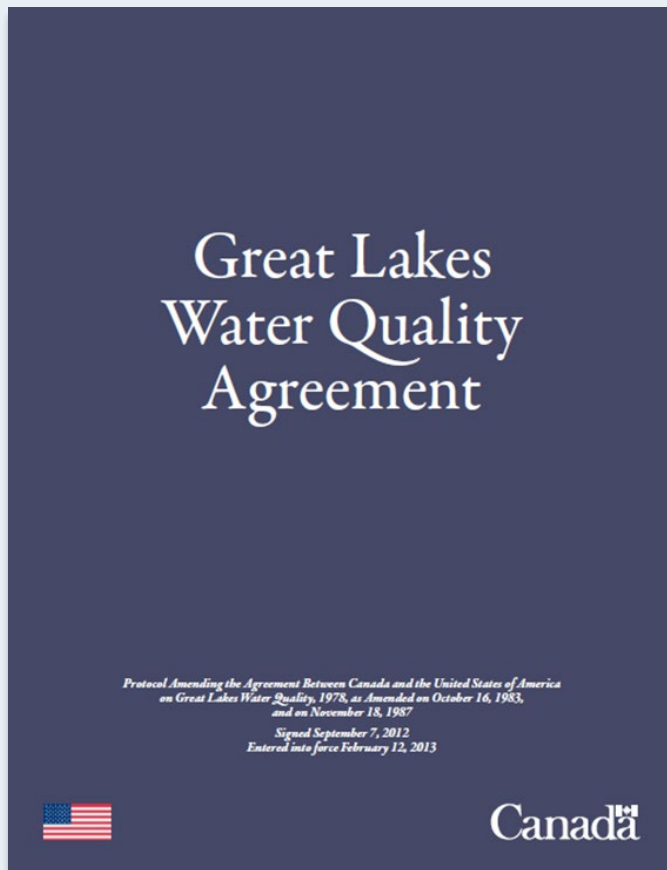




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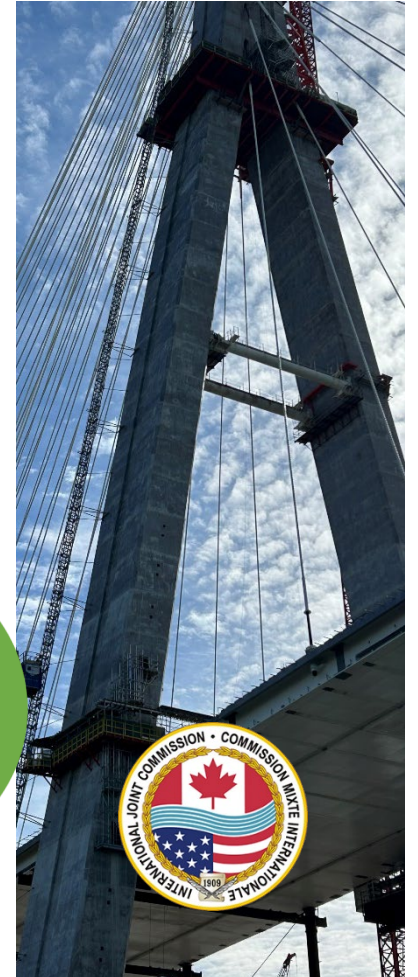
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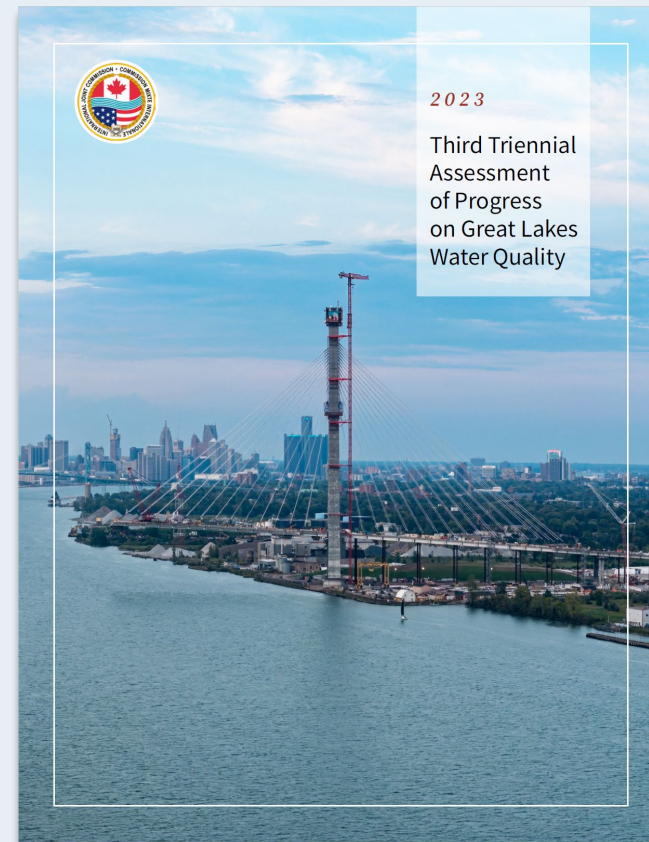
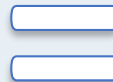




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Board insights  
Comments from the public



# 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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## 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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The Commission recommends that the Parties, in collaboration with all levels of governments, regional watershed authorities and others as appropriate, develop common, basinwide and scalable climate resiliency goals.





# Climate Resiliency

“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.”

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# Commissioner Merrell-Ann Phare



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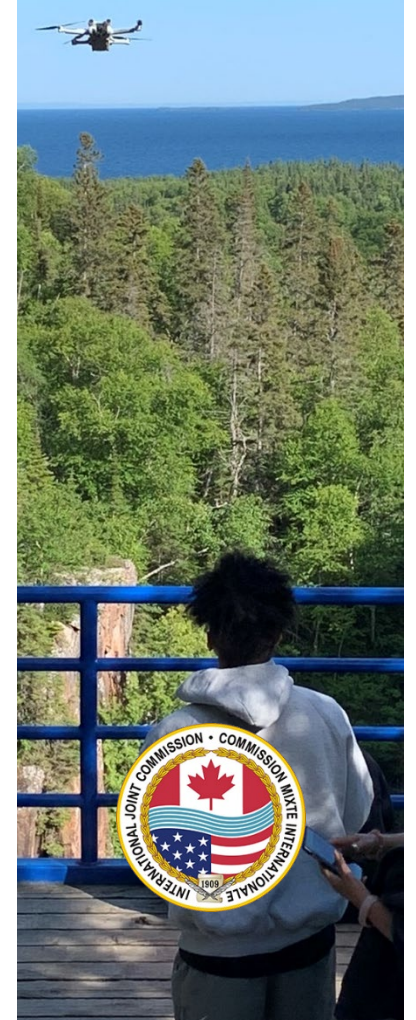


# Great Lakes Science Plan

“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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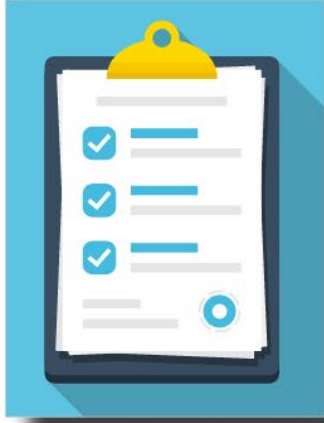
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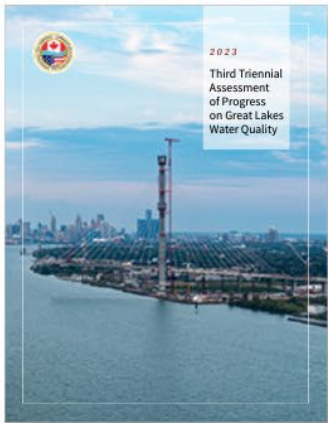
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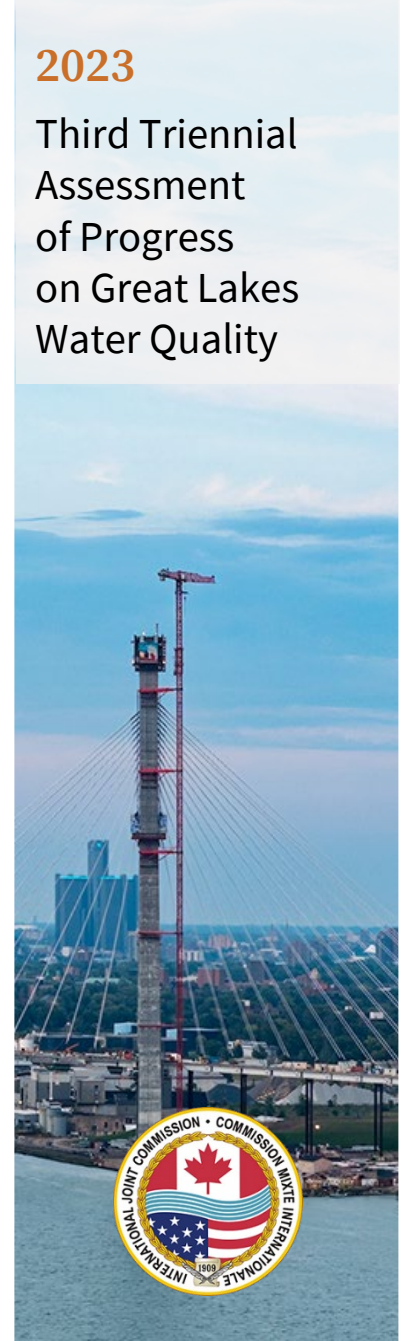
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# Conclusion

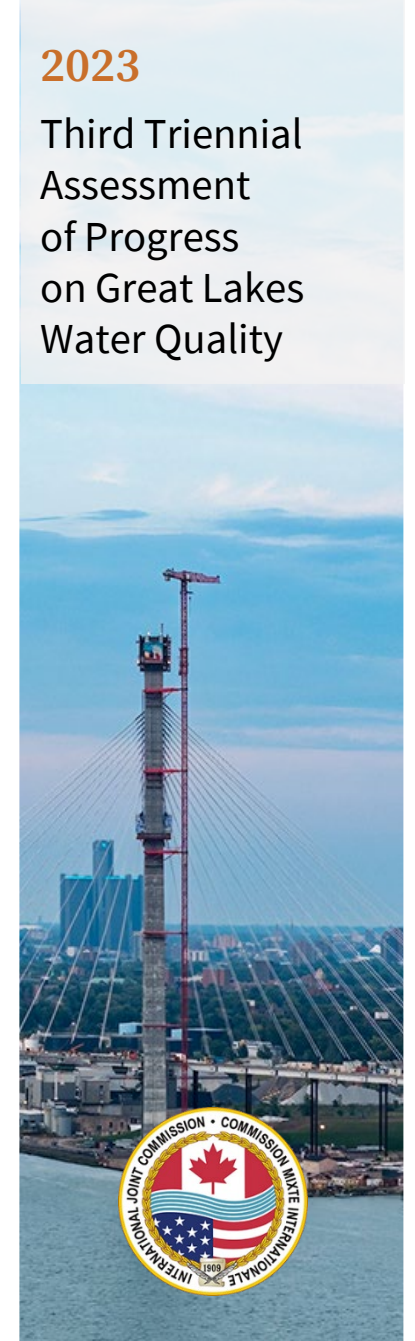
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