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Seasonal Decline in Full Swing Basin-wide

After attaining their seasonal highs during the first week of August, water levels on each of the Great Lakes have fallen at a rate faster than average so far this year.

As of the beginning of October, daily average water levels on lakes Superior, Michigan-Huron, Erie and Ontario have fallen 16, 10, seven and three centimetres more than their long-term average seasonal declines, respectively, for this time of year. It is too early to say how much each of the lakes will actually decline this year. However, if low water supply conditions persist during the remainder of the fall and early winter, water levels on lakes

September Precipitation Over the Great Lakes *

Great Lakes Basin86%Lake Superior59%Lakes Michigan-Huron87%

Lake Erie 112% (including Lake St. Clair) Lake Ontario 115%

September Outflows From the Great Lakes *

| Lake Superior | 76% | Lake Erie | 97% |
|---------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Lakes Huron | 86% | Lake Ontario 102% | |

* As a percentage of the long-term September average. NOTE: These figures are preliminary

Superior and Michigan-Huron could begin 2007 near their period-of-record lows. Even lakes Erie and Ontario, which began October close to average, would fall to levels well below average by the New Year. Of course, what actually happens will depend on future supply conditions. For the complete range of probable water levels on each lake over the next six months, please refer to the September 2006 edition of the Monthly Water Level Bulletin found at: http://chswww.bur. dfo. ca/ danp/.

| Great Lakes Water Level Information | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|--|
| | September 2006 Monthly Mean Level | | Beginning of October 2006 Level | | | |
| Lake | Compared to Monthly Average (1918-2005) | Compared to One Year Ago | Compared to Beginning-of-Month Average (1918-2005) | Compared to One Year Ago | | |
| Superior | 35 cm below | 15 cm below | 38 cm below | 16 cm below | | |
| Michigan-Huron | 49 cm below | 5 cm below | 49 cm below | 8 cm below | | |
| St. Clair | 17 cm below | 2 cm above | 18 cm below | 3 cm below | | |
| Erie | 1 cm below | 7 cm above | 1 cm below | 4 cm above | | |
| Ontario | 7 cm above | 12 cm above | 8 cm above | 12 cm above | | |



