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Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Water Levels

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Water Supply Conditions Cause Water Level Decline

Water supplies to all the Great Lakes, except Lake Erie, were below average during August. The supply to the Lake Superior basin set a new record low for the month. As a result, daily water levels on Lake Superior fell 8 cm instead of increasing around 2 cm as it has on average during August.

The dry conditions on the lakes Michigan-Huron and Ontario basins caused the levels of those lakes to decline by more than their usual amounts in August. The water supply to Lake Erie was near-average during August and lake's level declined by about its average amount (8 cm) for the month.

As indicated in the water level information table provided below, lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron remain well below their respective averages for this time of year. Lake St. Clair began September a few centimetres below average, whereas lakes Erie and Ontario levels were slightly above average at the beginning of the month. Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron are below their levels of a year ago, while levels of the other lakes are higher than they were at the same time last year. Water levels on each of the Great Lakes are expected to continue to decline during September.

St. Lawrence Board Multi-city Teleconference Scheduled

The International St. Lawrence River Board of Control invites you to participate in a public teleconference on the evening of **September 19, 2006, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EDT** related to water levels and flows in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

You have two options for participating in the teleconference:

Option 1

You may participate by calling these toll-free numbers:
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Great Lakes Water Level Information

Lake	August 2006 Monthly Mean Level		Beginning of September 2006 Level	
	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	25 cm below	8 cm below	31 cm below	11 cm below
Michigan-Huron	45 cm below	4 cm below	47 cm below	6 cm below
St. Clair	16 cm below	5 cm above	8 cm below	6 cm above
Erie	1 cm below	9 cm above	1 cm above	10 cm above
Ontario	7 cm above	16 cm above	3 cm above	8 cm above



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Please call in between 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. so that you are on-line for the start of the meeting at 7:00 p.m. You will need to download the latest meeting materials from the Board's Web site:

www.islrbc.org. Any updates will be posted on the site by September 15.

Option 2

You can also join the teleconference at one of the two local meeting sites listed below. Note that at each site there will be a short presentation by a Board representative beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by a brief period for questions and comments prior to the start of the teleconference at 7:00 p.m.

Cornwall, Ontario

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August Precipitation over the Great Lakes

As a percentage of the long-term August average:

Great Lakes Basin	72%	Lake Erie	82%
Lake Superior	44%	(including Lake St. Clair)	
Lakes Michigan-Huron	87%	Lake Ontario	69%

NOTE: These figures are preliminary

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Niagara Open House Reminder

The International Niagara Board of Control will hold an open house on Tuesday, October 3, 2006. This open house is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Coach Inn, 2 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.

The evening's format has been chosen to encourage an open dialogue with, and amongst,

those in attendance.

Posters, maps and other informative material will be displayed and it is anticipated that discussions will focus on the responsibility of the Board in matters that affect the flows and levels of the Niagara River. For additional information, please contact Len Falkiner at (905) 336-4947.

August Outflows from the Great Lakes

As a percentage of the long-term August average:

Lake Superior	92%	Lake Erie	97%
Lake Huron	87%	Lake Ontario	99%

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