



# LEVELnews

## Great Lakes — St. Lawrence River Water Levels

### Water Levels Update and Meeting Reminder

Due to above-average water supplies and below-average outflows, the level of Lake Superior rose by 8 cm in July, compared to its average July increase of 5 cm. The level of Lakes Michigan–Huron ended July at the same level at which it started the month. As it happens, this is what it has done on average during the month of July over the 1918–2010 period of record. Lake St. Clair's level fell by 2 cm last month, which is equal to the average amount it falls in

July. The level of Lake Erie fell by 10 cm during July, which is twice its average decline of 5 cm for the month. Above-average outflows combined with below-average supplies caused Lake Ontario's level to decline by 23 cm last month, compared to its average July decline of 8 cm.

With average water supply conditions, the level of Lake Superior is expected to rise by a few centimetres during

August. The levels of lakes Michigan–Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are all expected to decline, as they typically do during the month of August.

As mentioned in last month's edition of LEVELnews, the International Lake Superior and St. Lawrence River Boards of Control are holding public information meetings during the evenings of Tuesday, August 30, and  
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### Great Lakes Water Level Information

Lake	July 2011 Monthly Mean Level		Beginning-of-August 2011 Level	
	Compared to Monthly Average (1918–2010)	Compared to One Year Ago	Compared to Beginning-of-Month Average (1918–2010)	Compared to One Year Ago
Superior	26 cm below	6 cm above	25 cm below	10 cm above
Michigan–Huron	32 cm below	Same	31 cm below	Same
St. Clair	3 cm above	12 cm above	5 cm above	10 cm above
Erie	17 cm above	21 cm above	16 cm above	18 cm above
Ontario	15 cm above	17 cm above	7 cm above	5 cm above

Tuesday, September 20, respectively. The formats of both events are the same: participation in person at a local meeting site or by telephone. There will be a brief discussion period from 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. at the local meeting sites for both events to determine local concerns. The respective Board presentations will then begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be heard by both meeting-site attendees and callers. Following the presentation, the floor will be opened for comments and questions from callers and attendees.

To participate in the Superior Board's meeting by telephone, please call **1-866-551-3680** (toll free) between 6:45 and 6:55 p.m.

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on August 30 and enter the Participant PIN Code **9076483, followed by the # key on your telephone.**

Participation in person is at the following meeting site:

**Ontario and Michigan Rooms**  
**Walker Cisler Student and Conference Center**  
**Lake Superior State University**  
**650 West Easterday Avenue**  
**Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**

Please visit the Superior Board's website at **[www.ijc.org/conseil\\_board/superior\\_lake/en/superior\\_home\\_accueil.htm](http://www.ijc.org/conseil_board/superior_lake/en/superior_home_accueil.htm)** for additional information and to download the meeting materials. Any updates will be posted on August 26 on this website.

To participate in the St. Lawrence River Board's meeting by telephone, please call **1-877-413-4814** (toll free) between 6:45 and 6:55 p.m. on September 20, and enter either of the following two access codes:  
**8225560 for English** or **7333134 for French;**  
or mention **"St. Lawrence Control Board"** to the operator.

Attending the St. Lawrence Board's meeting in person can be done at either of the following two meeting sites:

**St. Lawrence Room West Ramada Inn**  
**805 Brookdale Avenue**  
**Cornwall, Ontario**  
or  
**Room 118 of Rich Hall**  
**SUNY Oswego**  
**Oswego, New York**

Please visit the St. Lawrence Board's website at **[www.ijc.org/conseil\\_board/islrbc/en/activities.htm](http://www.ijc.org/conseil_board/islrbc/en/activities.htm)** for more information and to download the meeting materials. Any updates will be posted by September 16 on this website.

#### July Precipitation over the Great Lakes\*

<b>Great Lakes Basin</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>Lake Erie</b>	<b>115%</b>
<b>Lake Superior</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>(including Lake St. Clair)</b>	
<b>Lakes Michigan–Huron</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>Lake Ontario</b>	<b>78%</b>

#### July Outflows from the Great Lakes\*

<b>Lake Superior</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>Lake Erie</b>	<b>104%</b>
<b>Lake Huron</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>Lake Ontario</b>	<b>114%</b>

\*As a percentage of the long-term July average.

**NOTE:** These figures are preliminary.