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You're Invited!

The International St. Lawrence River and International Niagara Boards of Control would like to invite you to participate in the public information events that they have scheduled for mid-September.

St. Lawrence Board Public Teleconference

The International St. Lawrence River Board of Control will hold a public teleconference on September 15, 2009, from 6:45-8:30 p.m. EDT, to discuss the regulation of outflows and water levels in the Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence River system. You can participate in the meeting in person or by phone.

You can participate in the teleconference by calling one of the following toll free numbers:

1-866-200-5980 (English)

1-866-200-5973 (French)

between 6:45 and 6:55 p.m.

Please mention "**St. Lawrence Control Board**" to the operator.

You can also join the teleconference in person at the **Royal Botanical Gardens Centre**, located at 680 Plains Road West, Burlington, Ontario, near the border of Burlington and Hamilton.

You will need to download the meeting materials from the

Board's Web site at:

www.islrbc.org. Any updates will be posted by September 11 on the site.

Please note that there will be a brief discussion period at the Royal Botanical Gardens meeting site from 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. to determine local concerns. The Board presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be heard both by those at the Royal Botanical Gardens meeting site as well as those listening in by phone. Following the presentation, comments and questions will be taken from meeting attendees and callers.
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Great Lakes Water Level Information

Lake	July 2009 Monthly Mean Level		Beginning-of-August 2009 Level	
	Compared to Monthly Average (1918-2008)	Compared to One Year Ago	Compared to Beginning-of-Month Average (1918-2008)	Compared to One Year Ago
Superior	17 cm below	7 cm below	18 cm below	8 cm below
Michigan-Huron	15 cm below	20 cm above	14 cm below	18 cm above
St. Clair	5 cm above	12 cm above	6 cm above	12 cm above
Erie	11 cm above	7 cm above	10 cm above	8 cm above
Ontario	13 cm above	same	15 cm above	4 cm below

Questions or comments should be directed to:

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Niagara Board Open House

The International Niagara Board of Control will hold an open house on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. This session is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Burgoyne Room of the St. Catharines Museum at the Welland Canals Centre, 1932 Welland Canals Parkway (formerly Government Road), St. Catharines, Ontario.

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July Precipitation over the Great Lakes

As a percentage of the long-term July average:

Great Lakes Basin	92%	Lake Erie	105%
Lake Superior	80%	(including Lake St. Clair)	
Lakes Michigan-Huron	89%	Lake Ontario	119%

NOTE: These figures are preliminary

The purpose of this open house is to inform the public of the Board's current activities and to hear public comments and suggestions regarding the Board's work. In addition, information will be presented on the operation of the Lake Erie – Niagara River Ice Boom, revision of the Ashland Avenue rating used to determine flows over Niagara Falls and current Great Lakes water levels.

The evening's format has been chosen to encourage an open dialogue with, and among, the participants. 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 which affect the flows and levels of the Niagara River. Representatives of the Board will respond to concerns and questions where possible, and record for later action – if required – those items concerning the Board which cannot be dealt with completely during the evening.

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Six-Month Forecast

For a complete range of probable water levels over the next six months on each of the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair, please refer to the July 2009 edition of the Monthly Water Level Bulletin found at:

http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca/C&A/tidal_e.html

July Outflows from the Great Lakes

As a percentage of the long-term July average:

Lake Superior	85%	Lake Erie	103%
Lake Huron	95%	Lake Ontario	106%

NOTE: These figures are preliminary