LEVEL news



Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Water Levels

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Local basin supplies to each of the Great Lakes, except Lake Superior, were above average during July. The relatively dry conditions on Lake Superior caused its level to rise by less than it usually does during the month. The level of Lakes Michigan-Huron rose slightly during July due to greater than average local basin supplies coupled with the near average inflow from Lake Superior. The above average local supply to Lake Erie offset the below average flow entering Lake Erie from the upper Great Lakes. As a result, the total supply to Lake Erie was near average and its level declined by about its usual amount during July. Above average supplies

July Precipitation Over the Great Lakes *

Great Lakes Basin 117% Lake Erie 105%
Lake Superior 105% (including Lake St. Clair)
Lakes Michigan-Huron 104% Lake Ontario 206%

July Outflows From the Great Lakes *

Lake Superior 99% Lake Erie 101% Lakes Huron 91% Lake Ontario 102%

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

slowed and on occasion reversed the seasonal decline in daily water levels on Lake Ontario. The lake ended July at the same level as it began the month.

Open House Scheduled

The International Niagara Board of Control will hold an open house during the evening of Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church Street, Buffalo, New York. The open house is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Len Falkiner at: (905) 336-4947.

Great Lakes Water Level Information						
	July 2004 Monthly Mean Level		Beginning of August 2004 Level			
Lake	Compared to Monthly Average (1918-2003)	Compared to One Year Ago	Compared to Beginning-of-Month Average (1918-2003)	Compared to One Year Ago		
Superior	13 cm below	14 cm above	14 cm below	12 cm above		
Michigan-Huron	24 cm below	33 cm above	24 cm below	31 cm above		
St. Clair	4 cm below	22 cm above	1 cm below	23 cm above		
Erie	2 cm above	15 cm above	5 cm above	14 cm above		
Ontario	11 cm above	5 cm above	17 cm above	10 cm above		

