

LEVEL news

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Lake Ontario

Conditions on Upper Lakes Continue to be dry

December brought somewhat wetter conditions to the Lake Ontario basin while conditions on the upper lakes continued to be dry.

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The levels of all of the Great Lakes remain below average. The levels of all of the lakes except Lake Ontario are expected to decline in December unless water supplies are much greater than average. Lake Ontario's level is expected to remain about the same.

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December Precipitation Over Great Lakes

As a percentage of the long-term December average:

Great Lakes Basin	??%	Lake Erie	??%
Lake Superior	??%	(including Lake St. Clair)	
Lakes Michigan-Huron	??%	Lake Ontario	??%

December Outflows From Great Lakes

As a percentage of the long-term December average:

Lake Superior	??%	Lake Erie	??%
Lake Huron	??%	Lake Ontario	??%

NOTE: These figures are preliminary



