



FACT SHEET

October 2012

**International Water Studies – (NY, OH & PA)
International Joint Commission Support (IJC)
General Investigations**

Location

- The project area covers the entire lower Great Lakes and their connecting channels. This area includes those portions of Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River within the jurisdiction of the Buffalo District

Project Description

- The Buffalo District, as the lead agency, provides consulting engineering support to the International Joint Commission and its International St. Lawrence Board of Control and Committees, International Niagara Board of Control and Working Committee, and the Department of State International Niagara Committee
- Additional support is also provided to the Coordinating Committee on Great Lakes Basic Hydraulic and Hydrologic Data and to other international work groups. Tasks performed in support to these Boards and Committees are performed in conjunction with and coordinated with Canadian counterparts as required by Treaty, regulation and cooperative agreements

Importance

- The International tasks conducted under this appropriation are required to provide direct support to both the Division and District Engineers in their appointed roles as representatives of the United States, and are expected by the customer, the IJC, to uphold U.S. obligations under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 and the Niagara Treaty of 1950

Consequences

- Suspension of operational tasks performed in support of the International Joint Commission (IJC) and other vital interests, including but not limited to, implementation of the new regulation plan
- Jeopardize meeting U.S. obligations of reporting requirements set forth in the International Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 and the 1950 Niagara Treaty between the U.S. and Canada

Project Phase	FY11 Funding	FY12 Requirement	FY12 Budget	FY13 Requirement	FY13 Budget
Technical Assistance	\$10k	\$10k	\$0k	\$10k	\$0k

Congressional Interests

- Representative Bill Owens D-NY-23
- Representative Ann Marie Buerkle R-NY-25
- Representative Kathy Hochul D-NY-26
- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-27
- Representative Louise Slaughter D-NY-28
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Representative George J. "Mike" Kelly R-PA-3
- Senator Patrick Toomey R-PA
- Senator Robert B. Casey D-PA

- Representative Robert Latta R-OH-5
- Representative Marcy Kaptur D-OH-9
- Representative Dennis Kucinich D-OH-10
- Representative Marcia Fudge D-OH-11
- Representative Betty Sutton D-OH-13
- Representative Steven C. LaTourette R-OH-14
- Senator Rob Portman R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH

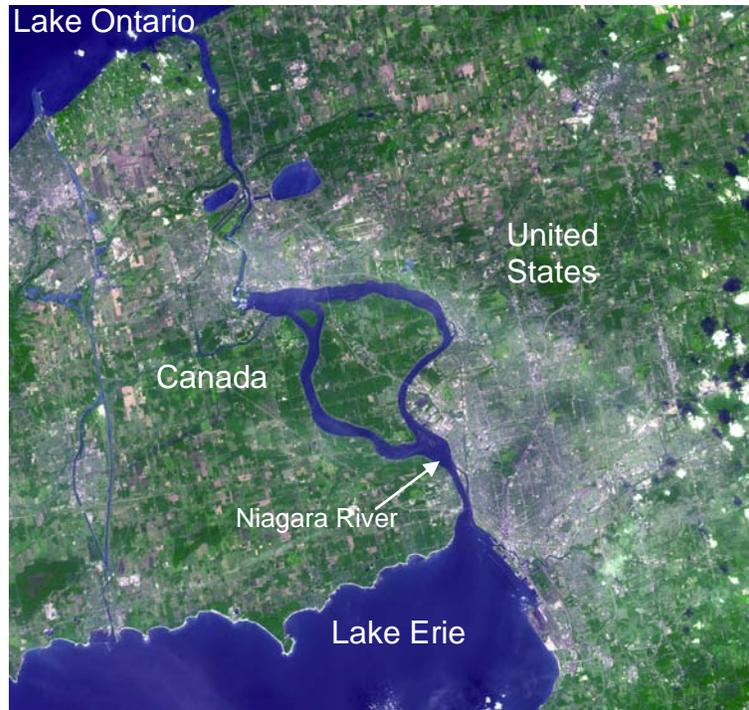
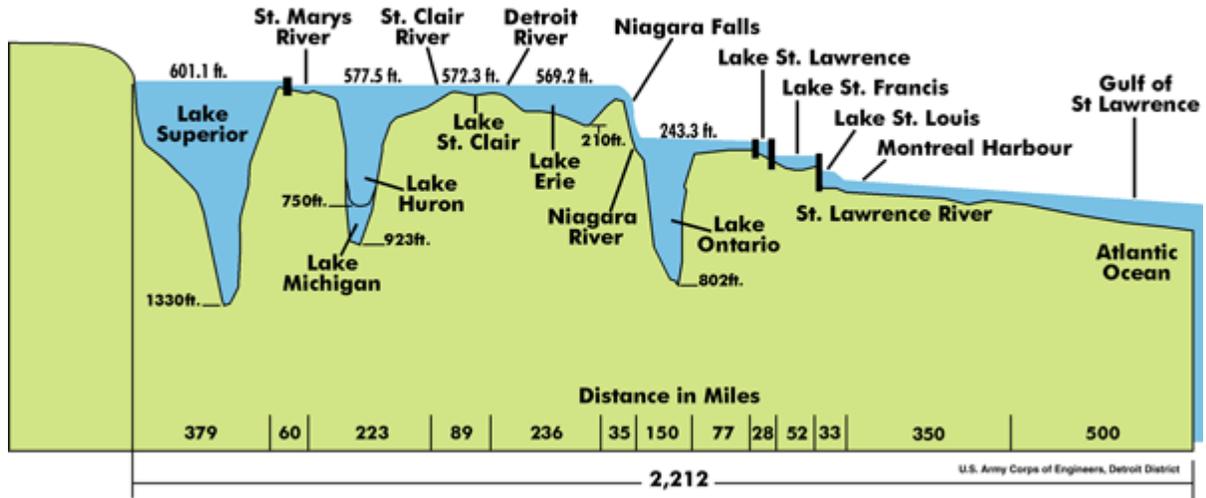
Current Status

- Project tasks are continuous & ongoing

Issues

- None

Great Lakes System Profile



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