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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable George E. Pataki  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Pataki:

I am pleased to advise you that the Oswego River Area of Concern has been removed from the list of Areas of Concern under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between the United States and Canada. The Oswego River Area of Concern is the first in the United States to be removed from the list.

I would like to congratulate you, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the citizens of the City of Oswego, New York on this accomplishment, which advances the goals of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. We look forward to building on this successful partnership.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Pamela Luttner, in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at (202) 564-3107.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. L. Johnson".

Stephen L. Johnson

cc: Denise M. Sheehan, Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Randolph F. Bateman, Mayor, City of Oswego, New York  
Karen Noyes, Chair, Oswego River AOC Remedial Advisory Committee  
Elizabeth A. Whitaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State  
Dennis Schornack, Chair, United States Section, International Joint Commission  
Pradep Kharé, Regional Director General, Ontario Region, Environment Canada  
Mike Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations Division, Ontario Ministry of the Environment