



Chair's Letter

The year has gotten off to a great start for the Great Lakes. On February 20, Governor Tim Pawlenty signed



Wisconsin Governor
Jim Doyle

legislation making Minnesota the first State to formally ratify the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. This compact among the Great Lakes States will provide unprecedented protections for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin. I applaud Governor Pawlenty and the State of Minnesota for their action. And, I look forward to working with my

fellow Governors as we similarly enact these protections in our States.

We have also seen encouraging signs for the Great Lakes in Congress. Representative Jim Oberstar of Minnesota has sponsored and secured House passage of legislation authorizing significantly increased funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF). SRF funding has been instrumental in supporting desperately needed investments in our wastewater infrastructure and tackling the vexing problem of sewer overflows.

Additionally, Representative Judy Biggert and Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois have introduced legislation to assist us in the effort to prevent the introduction of the Asian carp into the Great Lakes. We continue to persevere toward this shared goal—the carp barrier simply must be funded by the federal government.

We have built momentum but, as always, must redouble our efforts to turn this momentum into success. I welcome your continued partnership in our important work.

—Jim Doyle
*Chair, Council of Great Lakes Governors
Governor, State of Wisconsin*



Governor Tim Pawlenty signs the Great Lakes water compact.

Minnesota Makes History as First State to Approve Landmark Great Lakes Compact

Governor Tim Pawlenty recently signed legislation making Minnesota the first State to formally ratify the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. The compact, which includes a ban on new diversions of water outside the Basin with limited exceptions, was endorsed in December 2005 by the Great Lakes Governors and will provide unprecedented environmental protections for the region. To become law, it must be approved by each of the State legislatures and Congress must give its consent.

“This compact will improve and protect the health of the Great Lakes and our economy. I commend our legislature and, in particular, Representative Tom Huntley and Senator Ann Rest for continuing Minnesota’s legacy of regional Great Lakes leadership,” said Governor Pawlenty.

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Council Trade Mission to South Africa Successful for Great Lakes Businesses

Building on the success of recent trade missions, the Council of Great Lakes Governors led a trade mission to South Africa from February 19-24, 2007. A



Mary Regel, Wisconsin Dept. of Commerce, presents Ad Keukelaar of Harley Davidson Cape Town with a certificate of Commendation from Governor Jim Doyle.

delegation of 20 companies from New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin visited South Africa's three largest urban centers—Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town. Some mission delegates also visited Botswana, Namibia,

Mauritius, Malawi and Zambia.

The Council of Great Lakes Governors South Africa Trade Office (CGLG-SATO) arranged one-on-one appointments with distributors, agents and other contacts for each company to help them establish export leads, identify potential distributors and sign sales agreements. It is expected that numerous new partnerships will be finalized in the coming weeks.

A series of networking events were held throughout the week including a reception in Johannesburg sponsored by SABMiller, a networking event with U.S. Ambassador to South Africa Eric Bost, and even a thrilling Harley Davidson pillion ride through Cape Town.

Mission participant Mark Kelley, Sales Director of Crown Battery in Fremont, Ohio, said, "Our experience proved to be a positive one as we identified a market potential of \$25-\$35 million. The quality and caliber of the appointments and contacts was very productive in making this a success for our company."

In 2006 the Great Lakes States exported \$1.7 billion into the South African Customs Union, which accounts for over one third of the total United States

exports to the region.

CGLG-SATO Director Richard Zurba said, "South Africa is defined as both a developing market and a developed market, which can benefit American companies. For example, the region is a fast adopter of new, innovative and high-tech imports. American technological innovations combined with a currently low U.S. dollar allows American companies to compete favorably against domestic and international competition in that market. South Africa's economy has been experiencing rapid growth as business and consumer confidence, as well as the stock market, have been at record highs."



U.S. Ambassador to South Africa Eric Bost (center) with representatives from Pennsylvania's AgraCo Technologies International.

The Council's South Africa Trade Office opened in 1999 and has served almost 700 companies from the Great Lakes States. For more information on the South Africa trade mission or the services of CGLG-SATO, please contact cglg@cglgsa.org.

Trade Mission Delegates

Alstor International * AgraCo Technologies International * Alenza International * Attention Technologies * Aquarius Systems * Campbell Trade Group * Crown Battery * Global Cooling * ITSI * JF Magic * Lengard Systems * M&I Marshall & Ilsley Bank * Edison Welding Institute * Mocorp, Inc. * Ohio University * Reconyx * Tegam * Treeman Industries Inc. * Universal Industrial Gases

Blue 'Great Lakes' taxis hit London streets



Great Lakes of North America (GLNA) recently launched an exciting new promotion in the United Kingdom—the “branded taxi!” This GLNA neon blue taxi will be traveling around London throughout the next year garnering awareness of the Great Lakes region.

For this promotion, GLNA partnered with BMI airlines and Gold Medal Travel, one of the largest tour operators in the United Kingdom. Promotion elements include travel counseling by a knowledgeable taxi driver and taxi receipts which include website addresses and consumer hotline telephone numbers. Seatback advertisement will promote the new GLNA consumer guide and Gold Medal Travel’s “Great Lakes Tour” which is available for purchase.

New Coalition brings biomass to the web

Biomass energy can be produced from many different sources. Recently, liquid transportation biofuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel from farm crops, have taken center stage. However, the use of biomass, which includes wood chips and agricultural waste, to produce electricity, heat and industrial power, is equally important in the Great Lakes region.

With that in mind, a new coalition of energy, commerce and regulatory agencies from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin has come together as part of the Great Lakes Biomass State and Regional Partnership (GLBSRP) to share information related to using biomass as a renewable fuel in combustion situations. The new coalition will be known as the Great Lakes Biomass Emissions Factor Partnership.

This Great Lakes Biomass Emissions Factor Partnership has taken on the task of encouraging greater use of biomass for energy generation while helping to assure that available biomass combustion equipment is safe, environmentally friendly and meets

all local, State and federal guidelines.

Partnership goals include the development of a database of biomass emissions factors, emissions test results, and information from permitted and non-permitted facilities utilizing biomass. This database will be web-based and easily accessible to businesses, consumers, regulators and policymakers across the nation. This will increase the ability of stakeholders to make timely and informed decisions and reduce the burden of unnecessary testing and permitting delays.

Ultimately, the database will be part of a web-based clearinghouse that will also include information on available types of biomass equipment, biomass energy installations, biomass-related grants, and sources of information and assistance available at the local, State and national levels.

The members of this partnership have begun soliciting assistance from equipment manufacturers for this endeavor, and will continue to work together to assure that the American public has a safe, home-grown renewable fuel option.

Governors call on Congress to slam the door on Asian carp

The Great Lakes Governors continue in their fight to protect the Great Lakes from harmful invasive species. On March 1, Council Chair Governor Jim Doyle commended the sponsors and co-sponsors of H.R. 553 and S.336. This legislation would allow construction to be completed on an important barrier designed to prevent invasive species, such as the Asian carp, from entering the Great Lakes. The legislation would federally fund construction completion, as well as maintenance and operations, for the two-barrier system which is located on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. The Great Lakes States have already spent a total of \$2.275 million towards the construction of this project.

Governor Doyle said, "Because the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal is a Federal navigation waterway, it is the responsibility of Congress and the Federal government to ensure that funds exist to protect our entire region, and, in particular, the nationally important economy and ecosystem that the Great Lakes support."

Asian carp such as the silver and bighead carp pose a number of significant threats to the health of the Great Lakes.

They compete with native species for food, destroy fish habitat, transfer parasites and disease, and reduce biodiversity.

Asian carp also pose a serious threat to the Great Lakes region's economy due to the potential for lost revenue generated by hunting, fishing, wildlife watching and related activities.



Asian carp, an invasive species threatening the Great Lakes.

Additionally, on March 7, Michigan's Office of the Great Lakes Director Ken DeBeaussaert testified on behalf of the Great Lakes States before a Congressional Subcommittee. The testimony focused on the impact of aquatic invasive species such as the Asian carp on the Great Lakes. The message is clear—the door must be slammed on Asian carp and other invasive species in order to protect our region's most precious natural resource.

(Continued from page 1.) Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, Council of Great Lakes Governors Chair, said, "I applaud Governor Pawlenty and the State of Minnesota for their action. Implementing this compact is critical to our efforts to restore and protect the Great Lakes. I look forward to the State of Wisconsin similarly enacting these protections."

Compact legislation has also been introduced in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan in 2007.

The Governors and the Premiers of Ontario and Québec signed a companion agreement in 2005 to provide protections throughout the region. Ontario and Québec are currently moving forward with provincial implementation. No federal legislation is required in Canada.

The complete text of the agreements and additional information is available at www.cglg.org.

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