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Dennis Schornack  
Chairman  
International Joint Commission  
1250 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20440

Dear Chairman Schornack:

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the United States is delisting the Oswego River as an Area of Concern (AOC) under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) between the United States and Canada. This decision is in accord with the June 7, 2005 letter from the International Joint Commission recommending that the Oswego River be delisted as an AOC. It also agrees with an analysis by EPA and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation -- please see the attached letter from EPA Regional Administrator Alan Steinberg for a summary of that analysis.

If you have any questions regarding the Oswego River delisting, please feel free to contact either the State Department's Office of Canadian Affairs or officials at EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office. We hope to be able to inform you of other delistings in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Whitaker".

Elizabeth A. Whitaker  
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