

GREAT LAKES ADVISORY BOARD

July 8, 2014

Ms. Gina McCarthy, Chair
Great Lakes Inter-Agency Task Force
USEPA William Jefferson Clinton Building North (WJC North)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

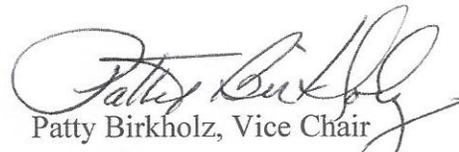
The Great Lakes Advisory Board appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Action Plan II (May 30, 2014). Preceding the issuance of this draft plan, the Board provided recommendations to guide the development of GLRI Action Plan II in its December 2013 report 'Recommendations to the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force on the Development of the FY 2015 – 2019 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan.' While many of the Board's recommendations were incorporated into Action Plan II, there are still opportunities to strengthen the Action Plan even more. The Board would like to offer the enclosed comments for consideration.

Significant progress has been made under GLRI, and it is our hope that these comments will be helpful in leading to greater ecosystem improvements in the future. The Board looks forward to its continued work with the federal agencies on Great Lakes restoration.

Sincerely,



David A. Ullrich, Chair
Great Lakes Advisory Board



Patty Birkholz, Vice Chair
Great Lakes Advisory Board

Enclosure