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To: Participants, Great Lakes Panel Meeting  
Fr: Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Senior Project Manager  
Da: December 11, 2006  
Re: Great Lakes Panel Meeting: Final Materials

Greetings! The following is a final communication regarding the meeting of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species to be held this Wednesday and Thursday, December 13 & 14 in Ann Arbor, Mich. at the Courtyard Marriott-Ann Arbor, 3205 Boardwalk (Phone: 734-995-5900).

**Meeting Agenda:** A final draft of the agenda for the Panel meeting is attached. Please note that there are two items added:

- Update on Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) on Wednesday at noon
- Announcement on the U.S. EPA publication, *Overview of EPA Authorities for Natural Resource Managers Developing Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response and Management Plans* on Thursday morning.

The committee meeting agendas including discussion questions on rapid response are also attached. Please note that all final meeting materials, including the agendas, are posted on the Panel website (<http://www.glc.org/ans/panel#glpmeet>).

**Operational Guidance Document:** If you are a Panel member, please plan to print out a copy of the *Great Lakes Panel Operational Guidance Document* for your reference during meeting discussion. Significant revisions have been made to the operational guidance document since the May meeting based on comments from the Executive Committee with some proposed changes that still need to be vetted with the Panel. For this reason, the document will be discussed at the meeting, highlighting changes made and those proposed. Approval for the operational guidance document will be conducted electronically within four weeks following the meeting.

**Rapid Response:** Please note that a revised version of the *Model Rapid Response Plan for Great Lakes Aquatic Invasion* will be available on the Panel website on Tuesday at noon. Although you may want to review the document before the meeting, the main principles of the rapid response plan will be summarized before the breakout session discussion on rapid response.

**Registration:** You may register for the meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday morning outside the Park Place Ball Room at the Courtyard Marriot. Coffee and continental breakfast will be available before the meeting convenes at 9:00 a.m. When you do register, we ask that you please plan to pay for your lunch for Wednesday if you have not done so already.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact one of the following Great Lakes Commission staff:

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We wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!