

Workshop Announcement:
A Rapid Response plan for Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions – Species Specific Case Study

July 22, 2004
Great Lakes Commission, Ann Arbor, Michigan
OR
Any Location via Internet Conferencing

Workshop Logistics

We are pleased to invite you to participate in a workshop, *A Rapid Response Plan for Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions - Species Specific Case Study*, focusing on rapid response plan development for aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes region. The workshops will be held from 12:15pm to 5:00pm EST on July 22, 2004 at the Great Lakes Commission, 2805 S. Industrial, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Please note: Participants can attend the workshop in person or participate via internet conferencing from remote locations. For internet conferencing access, participants will need to have access to a phone line and a computer with an internet connection. If you choose to take advantage of internet conferencing, you have the option of only calling in during portions of the agenda which are relevant to your interests and/or expertise. Further details about internet conferencing logistics and instructions will be available to interested participants in the coming weeks.

Workshop Objectives

This is the second workshop for the project *A Rapid Response Plan for Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions*, funded by the U.S. EPA-Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO). As part of the project, a model rapid response plan for Great Lakes aquatic invasions is being developed. The current draft of the model plan can be accessed online at <http://www.glc.org/ans/initiatives.html#rapid>. The primary objective of this workshop is to apply the model rapid response plan to a species-specific case study on hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*). Although this aquatic invasive species has not yet been detected in the Great Lakes system, it is considered a high risk species with the potential to invade and cause high levels of ecological damage, as evidenced by invasions in other regions. The workshop will explore how rapid response planning should be implemented for different jurisdictional scenarios in the event of a hydrilla infestation. Please see the attached draft agenda for more details. Discussion questions relevant to each specific scenario will be distributed to workshop participants in the coming weeks.

Preliminary Registration

If you plan to attend the workshop in person or participate in any portion of the workshop via internet conferencing, please complete the attached registration form and mail or fax it by Friday, July 16, 2004 to:

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