
Announcement
Workshop: Rapid Response Plan for Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions
&
Meeting of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species
July 22-24, 2003

Courtyard Marriott-Ann Arbor
3205 Boardwalk
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Phone: 734-995-5900

Workshop Overview

You are invited to participate in the Great Lakes Commission sponsored workshop, *Rapid Response Plan for Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions* on July 23-24 at the Courtyard Marriott in Ann Arbor, Michigan. You are also welcome to participate in a meeting of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species meeting, preceding the rapid response workshop on July 22-23 at the same location. Support for the rapid response workshop and supporting project is provided by the U.S. EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office.

The rapid response workshop will focus on development of a model rapid response plan for Great Lakes aquatic invasions. The underlying goal of the plan is to increase capacity to anticipate, prevent and respond to new aquatic invasions of nonindigenous species in the Great Lakes region when applied on a state, provincial or regional basis. Plenary sessions for the workshop will introduce the need for rapid response planning and highlight other rapid response efforts applicable to Great Lakes aquatic invasions. Breakout sessions will provide an opportunity to build consensus for components of the model rapid response plan as work continues on their development. A closing session will facilitate discussion among various stakeholders on how to make rapid response plans operational to address Great Lakes aquatic invasions.

Registration and Additional Information

The workshop agenda and registration form, as well as the rapid response project materials, are available online at www.glc.org/ans/initiatives. The registration fee of \$50 for the workshop covers lunch on July 23rd and snacks and beverages on both days during the workshop. Project materials on the model rapid response plan will be provided to participants in preparation for active engagement in the workshop. *The registration deadline for the workshop is Friday, July 11, 2003.*

For additional information on the workshop, please contact Kathe Glassner-Shwayder (email: shwayder@glc.org, phone: 734-971-9135, ext. 108) or Kevin Walters (email: kwalters@glc.org, phone: 734-971-9135, ext. 136). Workshop proceedings will be made available online upon completion of the project.

Workshop Logistics/Hotel Accommodations

The workshop will be held at the Courtyard Marriott in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Courtyard is located at 3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108, off of I-94 at State St., Exit 177 (www.marriott.com). Hotel rooms are available to workshop participants at the discounted rate of \$75 (plus fees and tax) per night. To make reservations, contact the Courtyard at 734-995-5900 and ask for the Great Lakes Commission rate. The nearest airport is Detroit Metro, about 40 minutes away. Commuter shuttle information is available at www.umich.edu/~info/airport-transportation.html.