



International Joint Commission

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The Honorable Richard E. Filippi
Room 502
Municipal Building
Erie, PA 19501

Ms. Joyce Savocchio
4015 Allegheny Road
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Dear Mr. Filippi and Ms. Savocchio:

It is with great pleasure that we offer our congratulations and support to the community of Presque Isle Bay in reaching the point where all of your remedial actions have been implemented, and that you are now monitoring the full recovery of the Bay. We applaud the leadership of your Public Advisory Committee (PAC) in working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to achieve this milestone. Not only is Presque Isle Bay the first AOC in the United States to receive this recognition, it is the only AOC listed at the request of the local community. This significant accomplishment is truly an example of a public-private partnership at its best. From the beginning, fifteen years ago, when the citizens of Erie petitioned the Science Advisory Board for the inclusion of the Bay as an AOC, the PAC has been a model for community involvement. We look forward to reviewing your progress as you monitor the continuing recovery of Presque Isle Bay and will share your success with other AOCs across the Great Lakes.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Honorable Herb Gray, P.C., Q.C.
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Canadian Section

Honorable Dennis Schornack
Chair
U.S. Section

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