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U.S. Section Secretary, International Joint Commission
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Re. Regulation of Lake Ontario levels

Dear Sirs/Ladies:

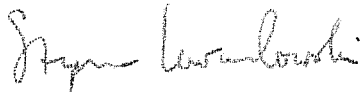
I have studied the regulation of water levels on some watersheds in the Finger Lakes, admittedly smaller than those of the Great Lakes. In this area, greater regulation of water levels irrespective of ecological damage has always been sought, to protect poorly sited private developments.

Though this may seem like a solution viewed from the short term, it only leads down a road to greater problems because it always creates a need for more management and it encourages confident development in precisely those places where little confidence is warranted.

A solution with greater long-term benefits will always mimic the natural climate and water level cycles. Riparian property owners seem to favor a water level set at a specific elevation, taking little account of the natural cycles which caused the property to attract their attention in the first place. Potential and actual developers of riparian properties need to be reminded of the risks they take and not to rely on short-term, engineered bail-outs (pun intended).

I favor Plan B.

Sincerely,



Stephen Lewandowski

International Joint Commission

ACTION: BM
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