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Hilton, New York

Mr. Dennis I. Schornack, Chairman  
International Joint Commission  
US Section  
1250 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20440  
Re: International Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River Study

International Joint Commission

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ACTION: BM

INFORMATION: LB, JC, FB, RT, CMRS

FILE:

Dear Chairman Schornack:

The five year lake level study is complete and the possibility of raising the lake levels to 249 feet scares me and my South shore neighbors. Please do not raise the lake level by accepting any of the plans that advocate that.

Since December, 2005, the lake has eroded 67 feet of beach in front of my home. The water is lapping at my foundation and undercutting the propane tanks that service our home for heat, etc. Our family has had a home on this property for 60 years and we have observed the lake and its changes over all that time. We have never needed a break wall.

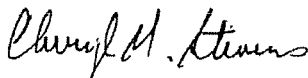
Never have we had the water so close for so long so we attribute it to the raised lake levels and the global warming. Normally, we experience several months of frozen ice mounds that protect the shoreline. This year we had two weeks of frozen mounds. The winds predominantly blew in from the West averaging 15 to 30 mph and the wave action ate the beach foot by foot.

Enclosed are some pictures taken this AM. The water level at 246 is manageable, though we think the winter wave action might break our windows and will definitely compromise our propane tanks with the waves breaking onto our foundation. Raised water levels will definitely hurt us.

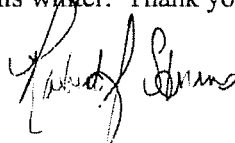
We have to spend \$3,500.00 more this summer to protect our tanks as they are a potential fire hazard as the lake takes more land away.

We do not even know if we will be allowed to build a break wall. We are going to apply to DEC for a permit but don't think we will be able to afford one for two or three years...

Please consider our plea and come see the source of our dilemma. Do not raise the level. We hope we are not inundated this winter. Thank you.

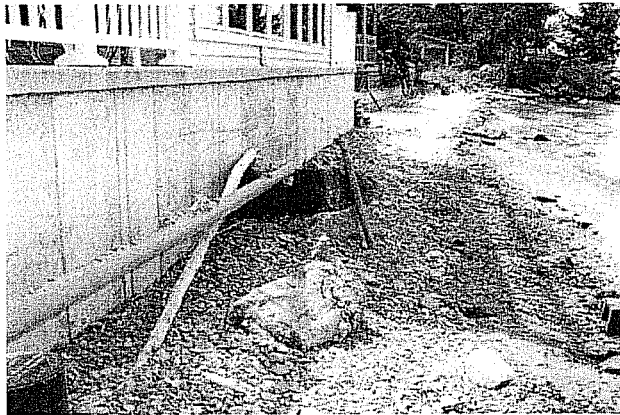


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pipe destroyed March 2005



4 ft high dirt eroded by lake  
67 ft of sand eroded.



Water up to house  
by March 2005



Beach of 7-8 ft returned  
7/24/02



unprotected Erosion  
propane tanks



Broken Pipe 370.2/3nds  
Uncovered by  
removed March 2005



NW corner 2/26/06



NW corner 7/26/06



The beach at 6512 Shore Avenue Jan 2006  
about 40 ft.

On September 2005 - we had 67 ft of  
beach

Sept 2006 - we will have under 10ft  
if any.