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2025 Project Report of the Parties (TAP) Public Comment

Good afternoon to you all,

Having reviewed the document, I am pleased to offer these thoughts on the Progress Report:
pg. x, Introduction Should the General Objectives of the GLWQA not state an eventual transition to compliance with the UN's stated Right to Safe, Clean, Healthy Water and Sanitation.
pg. 21 the TMU technology for PFAS removal within the wastewater stream is great news. Is dredgeate material dumping in the Great Lakes still being phased out.
pg. 24 What is the current strategy in addressing the problems with legacy P in the Maumee River basin and elsewhere in the Great Lakes.
pg. 26 The Cedar Point Causeway Wetland Complex does require maintaining a high and low water level to ensure a healthy and vibrant wetland. One of the ways to control phragmites in Long Point, Ontario appears to have water levels raised to a certain point to kill the invasive. Is there any consideration being given to releasing more water through the Soo Locks to help address these two problems that appear to have the same solution?
pg. 44 Great to see a reference to Legacy P and an Assessment Project.
pg. 48 No mention is made on progress in separating municipal CSO waste streams.
pg. 55 Wetland need a defined high and low level to function normally. This could be a problem for Great Lakes wetland designers. Is there any consideration being given to releasing more water from the Soo Locks that regulate water levels on Lake Superior.
pg. 77 The update of aquatic invasive species and their control in the Great Lakes was much better than expected. Very thorough.
pg. 102 Though it was not stated directly, but somewhat implied - do the waters of the Great Lakes still moderate the climate of the Great Lakes basin? A defining response to this question could help the public in understanding what the effect of having the Great Lakes in the basin does to the climate of the basin.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this report,
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