



October 11, 2013

NOTICE:  
International Joint Commission U.S. Section Shutdown  
during U.S. Government Appropriations Hiatus

The International Joint Commission has decided to postpone its Fall Semi-annual meeting scheduled for the week of October 21, 2013 due to the continued appropriations hiatus of the Government of the United States of America. U.S. section staff as well as some U.S. government board members and representatives continue to be on furlough status. It will therefore be necessary to re-schedule the IJC-Board meetings as well as the IJC-Government meetings which usually occur during this semi-annual event. We apologize for any inconvenience this re-scheduling may cause and endeavor to communicate the new Semi-annual schedule as soon as possible.

The Canadian Section of the International Joint Commission continues to operate while the U.S. Section office in Washington D.C. is partially closed. The Great Lakes Regional Office will also remain open but will only be staffed by its Canadian employees.

The U.S. Chair Lana Pollack is available to provide quorum with the three Canadian Commissioners and to participate in any decisions should the Commission need to address any emergency or urgent matters. Inquiries to the U.S. section during this period should be addressed directly to Joe Babb, Senior Advisor, U.S. Section Office at [babbj@washington.ijc.org](mailto:babbj@washington.ijc.org), 202-736-9103. All media inquiries should be addressed to Bernard Beckhoff at [beckhoffb@ottawa.ijc.org](mailto:beckhoffb@ottawa.ijc.org), 613-947-1420.

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