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Transboundary Water Quality Management: The Role and Function of the International Joint Commission

Management of the transboundary water resource shared by Canada and the United States is guided by some of the most highly evolved arrangements anywhere in the world. Backstopped by the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty, restoration and maintenance of Great Lakes water quality is being advanced through the 2012 Protocol to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (the Agreement). This presentation will highlight the context of transboundary water quality management in the Great Lakes, and describe the role and function of the International Joint Commission and its advisory boards in supporting and assessing progress towards the objectives of the Agreement.

SPEAKER



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