

# **Great Lakes Binational Toxics Strategy**

## **Update 2006**

**Integration Workgroup Meeting  
February 16, 2006 Windsor**

# **BEC Presentation Content**

**What we've done**

**Report on the Management Assessment of  
GLBTS Level 1 Substances**

**Path Forward**

## What we've done

- What is the GLBTS?
- Implementation since 1997 (first 5 years)
- IJC Review of BTS
- Evaluating environmental outcomes at midterm
- What needed to be done next (2002-2006)

# Report on the Management Assessment of GLBTS Level 1 Substances

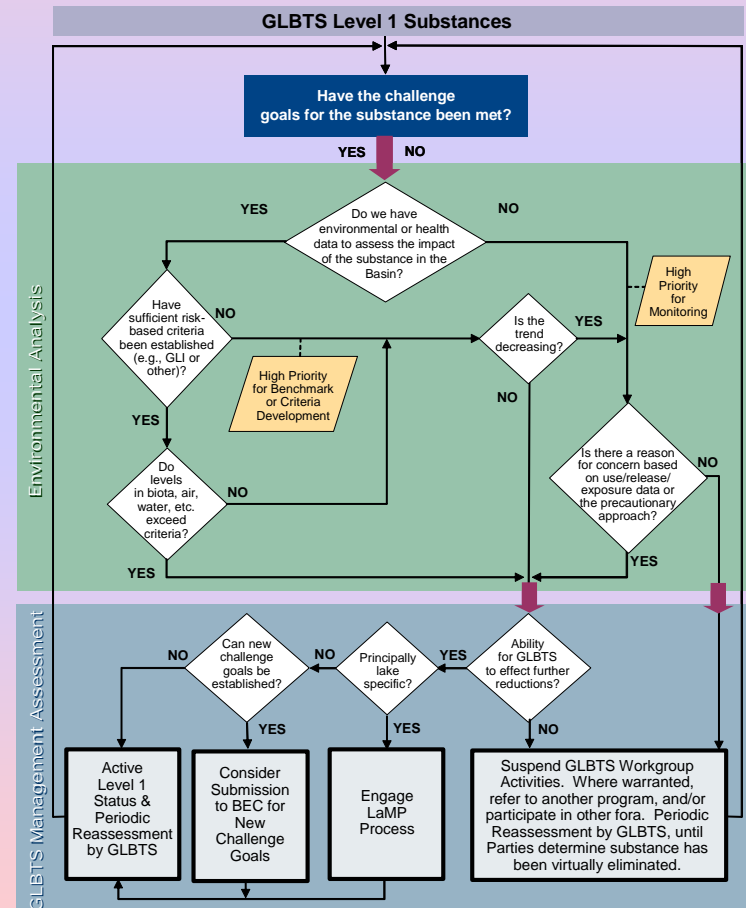
Constructing a Management Framework

Development

Consultation

Implementation

General Framework to Assess Management of GLBTS Level 1 Substances



## What we found

- **Some GLBTS Level 1 substances remain in the Great Lakes at levels exceeding criteria**
- **Significant progress has been made**
- **Source reduction opportunities still remain**

# **We Have Built a Strong Foundation**

## **Governance Attributes:**

- **Raised visibility of Persistent Toxic Substances**
- **Promoted practical, achievable reductions**
- **Provided coordination and collaboration opportunities**
- **Expanded collection and dissemination of existing information, and developed new information**

# Path Forward

## Finish The Job:

- Virtual elimination of existing GLBTS Level 1 Substances and P2 actions for Level 2 Substances
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary workshop in 2007



## Explore in context of the GLWQA review:

- The need for a Framework to identify and address new and emerging chemical threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem
- Role for GLBTS in information dissemination
- Increased international outreach and coordination