

# Great Lakes Binational Toxics Strategy 10 Year Anniversary Workshop

## Session 1: GLWQA Review of Annex 12 with Respect to the GLBTS

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# Session 1 Objectives

- Review GLWQA Annex 12 Review Recommendations respecting the GLBTS
- Consider Implications to GLBTS
- Consider the “value added” in engaging a multi stakeholder group in Annex 12 activities
- Consider where the future focus of the GLBTS should be in the near term with respect to new substances of concern
- Provide Advice to Parties on a Way Forward

# Annex 12 – Persistent Toxic Substances

- Definitions
  - General Principles
  - Programs
  - Monitoring
  - Early Warning System
  - Human Health
  - Research
  - Reporting
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# GLWQA Review

## Recommendations for Annex 12

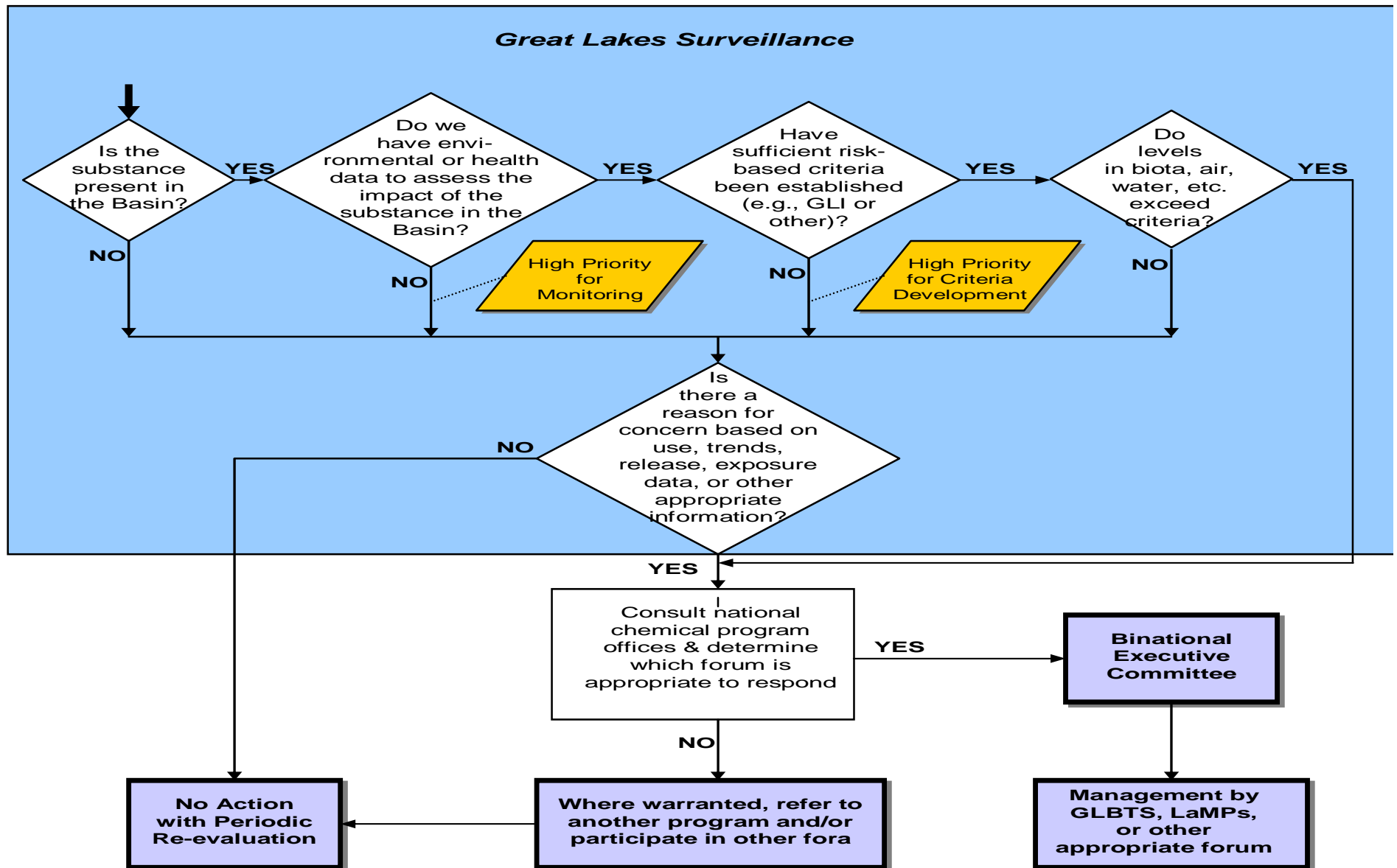
- Develop a management framework for addressing chemicals under Annex 12, *in order to set priorities and decide which chemicals to address first*
- Integrate disparate pieces of early warning system into a cohesive and integrated system..... *to rapidly separate newly identified chemicals that are a potential threat from those that are not.*

# GLWQA Review

## Recommendations for Annex 12

- Generate a roll-up report of Annex 12, gathering information from national and regional programs that address all facets of Annex 12 perhaps as part of the GLBTS Annual Report.
- Codify the GLBTS program in Annex 12, to provide for the overall management of Annex 12 activities.

# Great Lakes New Substance Evaluation Framework



# Examples of Annex 12 Program Elements


- Screening/Categorization Programs – CEPA, HPV, VCEEP, NCCTP
- Source Inventories – TRI, NEI, GLRATEI, NPRI, other
- Monitoring Programs – Great Lakes Fish, Air, Water, Sediments, Gull Eggs, NHANES
- Human Health – ATSDR, Health Canada
- Toxicological Research – NTP, NIEHS, NWRI
- Modeling – DOE, NOAA, EC, Academia, others

# Considerations for the workgroup

- Value added in engaging GLBTS in Annex 12 activities
- With respect to substances of emerging concern, should the GLBTS focus on Information gathering (e.g., Step 1 and 2 analyses) vis a vis Annex 12?



# What are the implications to the GLBTS for taking on this work?

- Impacts to Current Mandate
  - Governance Structure
  - Resources and Personnel
  - Communications
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# Questions?

