

## **Great Lakes Commission Website Program**

Through a grant from U.S. EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO), the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) has been tasked with creating a web site to serve research and response data on oil and hazardous material spill data and information to the freshwater environment. This web site is envisioned to function as a central clearinghouse/library of data by either housing the documentation directly on the pages or providing referral links to the holders of the documents. It is currently thought the site will address, at a minimum, the following categories: conventional and emerging response technologies, freshwater environments, potential impacts, chemical and biological characteristics of spill impacts, and abstracts of ongoing research. The GLC and GLNPO, through this site, hope this site will foster new research, avoid duplicative research, and through a proposed list serve, foster greater and coordinated dialogue on protecting and responding to the freshwater environment.

The proposed workshop will gather individuals to help identify existing data, avenues of research currently being pursued, and establish a working advisory group to shape the web site. The GLC will bring to the Freshwater Spill Symposium a mock up of the web site for discussion. The workshop will be led by the GLC in concert with an industry member of the Great Lakes Spill Protection Initiative (GLSPI), NOAA, SSC, LCDR, Jason Maddox, and a state representative.