



Administrative Controls Edition

St. Marys River Remedial Action Plan NEWSLETTER

Contaminated Sediments at depth in the St. Marys River

One of the environmental issues in the St. Marys River Area of Concern is contaminated sediment in the river resulting from past pollution. Contaminants of concern include petroleum hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, oil, grease, and trace metals. Although studies have shown that the contaminants are covered with layers of clean sediment, it is important that proponents of projects with in-water activities that could potentially disturb or expose deeper sediments to consider potential environmental impacts, follow best management practices, and obtain appropriate regulatory permits and approvals as needed.

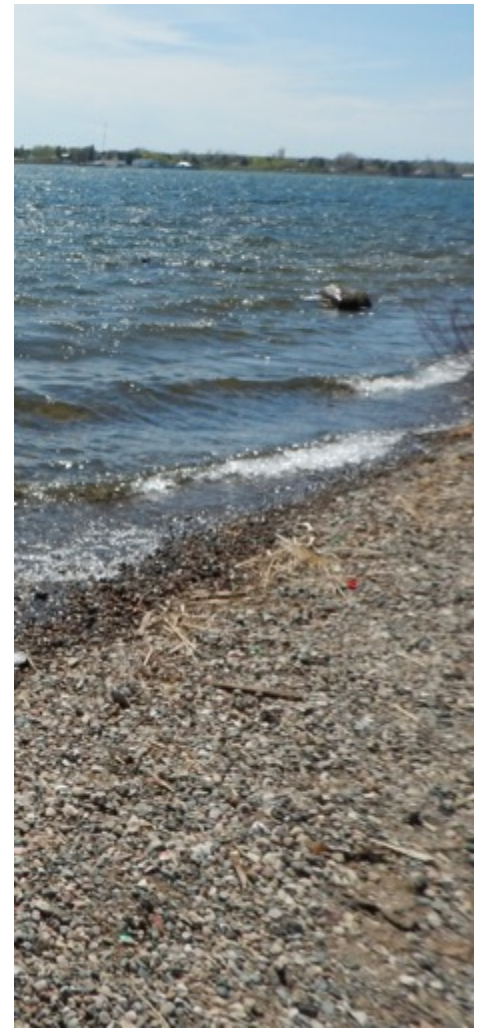


What is the St. Marys River Guidance Document for Dredging and In-water Activities?

The St. Marys River Dredging and In-water Administrative Controls document is a tool that provides guidance to proponents considering projects such as dredging, dock wall/wharf replacement, or other in-water activities that risk disturbing buried sediments.

Objectives of the St. Marys River Dredging and In-water Administrative Controls

- To outline the administrative approach on in-water activities to minimize the disturbance, exposure or resuspension of contaminated sediment;
- To establish principles that guide decisions;
- To summarize the roles and responsibilities of the proponents and agencies involved;
- To provide guidance for proponents submitting in-water project applications for required permits; and
- To summarize agency mandates and to promote a common review process for regulatory activities that have the potential to disturb contaminated sediment.



Are you considering in-water activities?

The guidance document provides information to proponents considering in-water activities on the Canadian side of the Area of Concern. It outlines the considerations that government agencies will take into account while evaluating in-water activities that could disturb sediment; such as dredging, filling, covering, piling, or scouring. It provides information on the type of activities that require approval, outlines the review process for applications, identifies the authorities/agencies to contact, and articulates the principles of sound decision-making.

Applicants who submit a proposal should be aware that each of the applicable regulatory agencies must provide approval before they begin

Contact Information >>>

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