

MEDIA RELEASE
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Invitation to provide public comment on the draft Plan of Study developed following flooding in the Richelieu River and Lake Champlain Watershed

In response to the Spring 2011 flooding, the governments of Canada and the United States have requested that the International Joint Commission (IJC) develop a study proposal which would examine the causes and impacts of flooding in the Richelieu River and Lake Champlain Watershed, as well as the full range of measures to prepare for, prevent and mitigate such impacts.

Over the last few months, the International Lake Champlain-Richelieu River (ILCRR) Workgroup has developed a draft Plan of Study that identifies both the studies necessary to allow an evaluation of the causes and impacts of the flooding that occurred during the spring of 2011 as well as the studies necessary to develop appropriate mitigation solutions and recommendations. A copy of the draft Plan of Study can be found at: <http://www.ijc.org/champlainrichelieuplan/>.

The Workgroup invites all members of the public to attend public meetings on the draft *Plan of Study for the Identification of Measures to Mitigate Flooding and the Impacts of Flooding in the Richelieu River and Lake Champlain Watershed*. The meetings will take place at the following times and locations:

Monday, March 11th, 2013
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Community Room at ECHO Lake
Aquarium
1 College Street
Burlington, VT 05482, U.S.A.

Tuesday, March 12th, 2013
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Hotel Relais Gouverneur, Lennox room,
725 Boulevard du Séminaire Nord
Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada,
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(French interpretation will be provided)

Each meeting will provide an overview of the report followed by a session for comments from the audience. Written comments may be submitted at the public meetings, through the [Workgroup website](#) or by email to the following people:

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Comments received by **March 18th** will assist the ILCRR Workgroup in developing the final Plan of Study that will be submitted to the International Joint Commission by the end of the month.