

Feb. 23: US and Canada Agree to Cut Phosphorus Levels in Lake Erie



The US and Canadian governments agreed to develop plans for deep cuts in phosphorus runoff from farms and other sources into Lake Erie, where an overload has fed harmful algae blooms that have fouled drinking water and killed fish. The deal targets a 40% reduction of phosphorus for the lake's central and western sections, the areas hardest hit by increasingly massive algae blooms. Both nations agreed to develop plans for achieving the reductions within two years.