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Asian carp are an immediate threat and require immediate action.

The current timeline for the Corps study is too long and unacceptable, with recommendations not expected until 2015. The Corps needs to condense the timeline for its study and produce final results for the Chicago portion of the GLMRIS within 18 months. This timeline can be condensed by incorporating results from existing studies rather than repeating work that has already been done on risk assessment, wastewater and transportation, and by utilizing economic analysis by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Great Lakes Commission and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. Focus must be on completing hydrologic separation as the first priority.

Evidence shows Asian carp already are present above the electric barriers. Clearly, the electric barriers are not enough to prevent aquatic invasive species from moving between the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes. Therefore, permanent hydrologic separation between the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes is needed. The GLMRIS should also include a plan to mitigate verifiable long- or short-term economic losses.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the GLMRIS.