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Regarding the proposed study: While I understand that some solutions proposed in the study may be difficult to implement, from an ecological point of view, measures to "reduce the risk" of invasive species entering the Great Lakes is unacceptable. It only takes one gravid individual to create an infestation. The Great Lakes ecosystem has already been degraded by invasive species due to the federal government's failure to act. A repetition of those mistakes is nothing short of criminal.

Congress mandated this study in 2007. Evidence of Asian carp presence in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (CSSC) has been found. It is reprehensible that individuals at the Corps are seeking to delay the study of the Chicago portion of the GLRMIS until 2015. The environmental impact of delay is unjustifiable under NEPA protocols. In this case, the social and economical benefits of doing nothing DO NOT outweigh the environmental impacts.

In general: What is the point of having a Congressional mandate if Congress cannot compel action from the recipient of the mandate? Indiana has already completed a measure to prevent Asian carp migration through co-mingled floodwaters of the Great Lakes and Mississippi watershed near Ft. Wayne. This took less than one year. If the Corps believes that it will take multiple years to find a permanent solution, they should be compelled to provide a more satisfactory solution to Asian carp migration into Lake Michigan via the CSSC in the short term.