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Asian carp DNA continued to turn up in the Chicago Waterway System throughout 2010 — in some cases just a few miles from Lake Michigan. So far, the solutions offered are imperfect: electrical barriers or repeated poisonings of the river. While these short-term steps can buy the Great Lakes time, what's truly needed is separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River to put this and other invasion threats to bed — permanently.

In 2007 Congress authorized the "Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study" (GLMRIS) which mandated the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine the options available to prevent invasive species from moving between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River.

More than three years later, the corps says its study can only recommend solutions that "reduce the risk" of invasion — and won't be done until 2015.

We can rely on stopgap solutions like electrical barriers and chemical controls for only so long before the carp overwhelm them.

Please concentrate on solutions that will completely prevent the movement of invasive species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River, and provide answers for the Chicago portion of the study within 18 months.