



The Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System
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St. Lawrence Seaway Hosts Ballast Water Inspection Media Day in Montreal

The Canadian and U.S. Seaway Corporations are inviting the media to Montreal, Quebec, on **Monday, May 5, 2008**, to showcase the ballast water inspection process currently in place for the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System. The Seaway Corporations will be joined by other U.S. and Canadian regulatory agencies, including Transport Canada and the United States Coast Guard, that maintain the strict enforcement regime aimed at protecting the Great Lakes from invasive species.

In addition to a brief press conference held at St. Lambert Lock, the point of entry to the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Seaway Corporations will provide media representatives the opportunity to board an international vessel, the M/V FEDERAL KIVALINA, to examine first hand a ballast water inspection being performed by marine inspectors. Reporters will be permitted to photograph/document the inspection process and tour other areas of the ship.

What: St. Lawrence Seaway Ballast Water Inspection Media Day

When: Monday, May 5, 2008 2:00 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.

Where: St. Lambert Lock, Montreal, Quebec (151, de l'Ecluse Street)

Please see the attached informational flyer for more detail on the day's activities.

We cordially invite media to attend this unique event that will assemble key representatives of those agencies with responsibilities for protecting the world's largest surface fresh water system. As the marine gateway to North America's economic and agricultural heartland, the Seaway is seeking to fulfill its role as the first line of defense against aquatic invasive species. Journalists will have the opportunity to question agency representatives as well as scientists and other ballast water experts present at the event.

Credentialed media should RSVP no later than April 25. For those coming to Montreal from out-of-town, a block of rooms has been reserved at the InterContinental Hotel in downtown Montreal (514-987-9900). We will provide transportation from the hotel to St. Lambert Lock, and back to the InterContinental Hotel.

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