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# Lower Great Lakes Ballast Water Workshop

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Tom Ridge Environmental Center  
Erie, Pennsylvania

*A gathering of agency staff, researchers, policymakers and industry stakeholders interested in the current status of ballast water legislation, policy, and research in the Great Lakes. Our goals are to:*

- *Create a document that others can use as a tool to develop law, policy and regulations regarding the introduction of invasive species into the Great Lakes*
- *Bring invasive species stakeholders together from the lower Great Lakes in an atmosphere conducive to dialogue and relationship-building that will enable future gains in reacting to, mitigating and preventing introductions of additional invasive species into the Great Lakes.*

## **Workshop topics include:**

- ⇒ **Great Ships Initiative:** Allegra Cangelosi, Northeast Midwest Institute
- ⇒ **Economic impacts of invasive species:** Chuck O'Neil, New York Sea Grant
- ⇒ **Evaluating current risk of introduction and spread of AIS to Great Lakes ports by foreign and domestic ships:** Sarah Bailey, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- ⇒ **Policy development and current legislation on the federal and state level:** Stephanie Showalter, National Sea Grant Law Center and Jennifer Nalbome, Great Lakes United
- ⇒ **Rapid response protocols for invasive species:** Jamie Schardt, EPA Great Lakes National Program Office
- ⇒ **Ballast water history and a timeline for approval of ballast water treatment methods:** Dale Bergeron, Minnesota Sea Grant
- ⇒ **USCG ballast water discharge standard update:** Commander Tim Cummins, USCG 9th District



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**Registration for this workshop is free but space is limited. For more information contact Marti Martz at 814.217.9015 or via email: [mam60@psu.edu](mailto:mam60@psu.edu).**