



Office of  
The Secretary of State for External Affairs  
Canada

Ottawa, February 13th, 1948.

Dear Sir:

On April 1st, 1946, and on October 2nd, 1946, the International Joint Commission was requested to conduct investigations into the reported pollution of the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and the waters of St. Mary's River from Lake Superior to Lake Huron. Consultations between representatives of the Canadian and U.S. Governments have indicated that it is desirable to extend the scope of these investigations. Accordingly, the Governments of the United States and Canada have agreed to amend the first paragraph of the letter of reference dated April 1st, 1946, to read as follows:

"I have the honour to advise you that the Governments of the United States and Canada have been informed that the waters of the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River, and the waters of St. Mary's River from Lake Superior to Lake Huron are being polluted by sewage and industrial wastes emptied into these waters; and also that the continued dredging operations on Strawberry Island in the Niagara River may result in polluting the waters of the Niagara River in such a way as to endanger the health of citizens of Niagara Falls and other residents of that area."

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

The Acting Secretary,  
International Joint Commission,  
140 Wellington Street,  
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*R. B. Pearson*  
for  
Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.