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Rainfall in the Great Lakes basin was well below average in July. All of the Great Lakes basin received less than average rainfall. The following table shows estimated rainfall for the month of July.

Basin	1989*	Provisional Great Lakes Precipitation (inches)		
		1900-87 Average	Diff.	% of Ave.
Superior	1.1	3.2	-2.1	35%
Mich-Huron	1.7	2.9	-1.2	60%
Erie	3.0	3.2	-0.2	95%
Ontario	1.2	3.1	-1.9	40%
Great Lakes	1.6	3.1	-1.5	50%

* Estimated

The National Weather Service forecasts rainfall in August to be below average for all of the Great Lakes basin, except Lake Superior, which is expected to receive near-average amounts of rainfall. The forecast for temperatures in August is for near-average throughout the basin.

Water levels, except Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron, are somewhat above average for this time of year. It appears that Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron peaked in July while the other lakes peaked in June. They are expected to remain close to seasonal levels.

The Phase I Progress Report Overview from the Project Management Team on the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Levels Reference Study has been submitted to the International Joint Commission. As part of its review process, the Commission is encouraging public comment on the Phase I report, which will be taken into account by the Commission as it prepares to undertake Phase II of the Levels Study.

The Overview and Annex Summaries (English and French) will be widely distributed throughout the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin during the month of August. To obtain a copy of the Overview and Annex Summaries contact Kim Tassier at the following addresses. In the U.S. write to the International Joint Commission's Great Lakes Regional Office, P.O. Box 32869, Detroit, Michigan 48232-2869, or call 313-226-2170. In Canada, write to the International Joint Commission's Great Lakes Regional Office, 100 Ouellette Avenue, Eighth floor, Windsor, Ontario N9A 6T3, or call 519-256-7821.


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