

# Delisting AOCs Under the New Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

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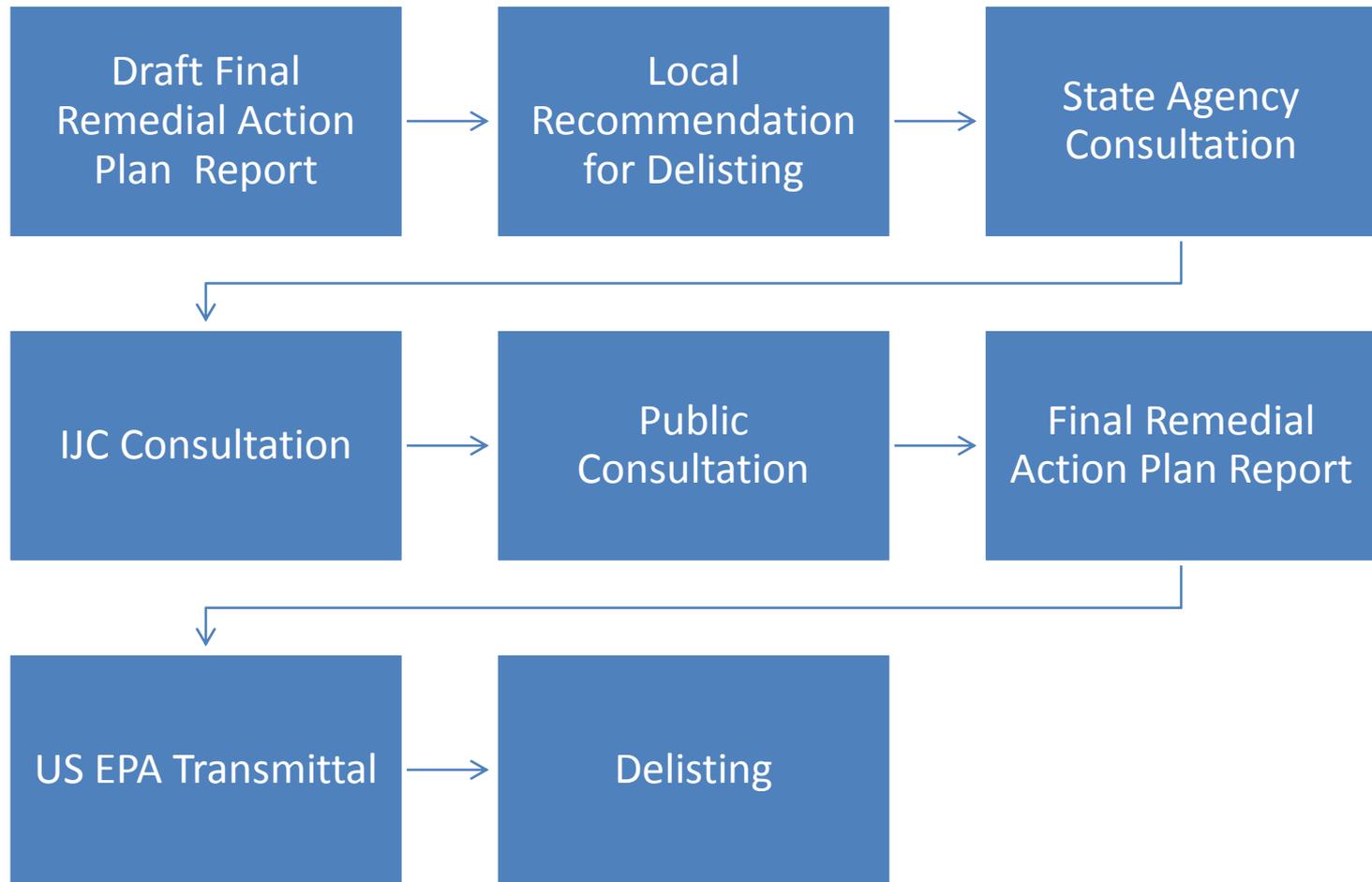
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# The Delisting Process Over Time

- 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
  - Relied on State and Provincial Governments
  - No specific process outlined
- 2001 U. S. Policy Committee Guidelines
  - Relied on RAP Implementation Groups
  - Outlined a specific process

# 2001 U. S. Policy Committee Guidelines



# 2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

- *“A Party shall remove the designation of an AOC or AOC in Recovery when environmental monitoring confirms that beneficial uses have been restored in accordance with the criteria established in the RAP.”*

# 2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

- *“A Party shall solicit a review and comments from the State and Provincial Governments, Tribal Governments, First Nations, Metis, Municipal Governments, watershed management agencies, other local public agencies, the Public and the Commission:*
  1. *Prior to designation of an AOC in Recovery; and*
  2. *prior to the removal of a designation as an AOC or an AOC in Recovery.”*

# How did the Delisting Process Really Work?

