

## **The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)**

- The FY 2017 Enacted budget funded the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) at \$300 million. On May 4, 2017, Congress passed the bill (H.R. 244) into law, and on May 5, 2017, the President signed the bill into law (P.L. 115-31).
- The President's proposed budget for FY 2018 was released publicly on May 23, 2017, which provided no funding for the GLRI.
- Congress is ultimately responsible for appropriating funds to EPA's programs, including the GLRI. To date, Congress has not passed the FY 2018 Enacted budget.
- Congressional mark-ups of the President's proposed budget for FY 2018 have occurred in both the House and Senate. The mark-ups of the House and Senate bills provide some indication of final funding levels for the GLRI in the FY 2018 Enacted budget.
- Details of the House and Senate funding levels for the GLRI in the FY 2018 budget are presented below:
  - On September 14, 2017-The House passed a bill funding the GLRI at \$300 million.
  - On November 20, 2017- The Chairman's Recommendation for the Senate proposed funding the GLRI at \$300 million.
- On December 7, 2017, both the House and Senate have passed a continuing resolution (CR) to continue funding the Federal government at funding levels approximating the FY 2017 budget through December 22, 2017.
  - Congress must either pass the FY 2018 Enacted budget, or pass another short-term CR after December 22, 2017, to continue funding for the Federal government.