Part One

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EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan joins Senator Tammy Baldwin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to announce the largest cleanup project to ever be implemented under EPA’s Great Lakes Restoration

Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson: good morning good morning thank you thank you so much welcome I want to welcome administrator Regan back to Milwaukee welcome back Mr. Administrator. I want to welcome United States Senator Tammy Baldwin as well and all the distinguished guests who have joined us here today. The people gathered here reflect the partnership and that's what it really is it's partnership that are working so diligently on this very very important issue around environmental challenges that we face here in our community. Our waterways are sadly degraded by history of either neglect or ignorance. The legacy of industrial misuse of the Milwaukee River of the Menomonee River and Milwaukee's Inner Harbor it impairs our ability to fully enjoy our waterways here in Milwaukee. So it's partnership that's brought us to this point to address the issue before us. Of course, my city is a partner and so are other levels of

government including the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District to name a few as well as the state of Wisconsin. So I want to thank the executive director of MMSD Kevin Shafer who's here as well as DNR Secretary Adam Payne who’s also here thank you both for joining us. Residents have been an important partner too and Demetrius Smith who leads the area of Concerned Community Advisory Committee is also here so thank you for being here with us. Businesses by necessity have been involved as well and today we're celebrating a hugely valuable partner and those are our friends in Washington DC. That's right President Joe Biden has focused attention on local communities not just in Wisconsin but really all across the United States and because of President Biden's priorities, we're making big investments in our infrastructure and today we're celebrating a partnership with the Biden Administration to address our waterways. The Administrator Regan always, you're always welcome in Milwaukee. He's been here more than a time or two and you're always welcome here and you're particularly welcome to Milwaukee when you bring those big checks so we're happy to have you here. Senator Baldwin you've always been a champion for Milwaukee and for the entire State and I'm so glad you're working with us here in the city, you're working for our environment and for the solutions that we need for the challenges that we Face across our state so thank you Senator. So to all welcome to Milwaukee for some welcome back to Milwaukee and let's continue to roll up our sleeves to make progress for all of our residents here in our great City in our great State and with that let me introduce the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District Executive Director Kevin Shafer

(Applause).