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Where would we be, if Plan 2014 was the operational plan for the regulation of Lake Ontario?

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle reported in today's paper that the level of Lake Ontario is currently at 246.33 feet above sea level. It is about one foot above its long-term average for this time of year. We can expect at least another foot of rise that follows the seasonal rise in the lake's level before June.

Yet, if the regulation of the lake was under the proposed Plan 2014, the Lake would 7.48 inches (19 cm) higher than it is now.

To compound this, the Lake would still be about 2.36 inches (6 cm) below the 2% exceedance trigger level for the 1st quarter of April as dictated by Plan 2014. (Editor's note: The Trigger levels would also rise as we go through the spring.)

What this means is the Board of Control would not be allowed to deviate from the plan at the present time, even if it is trying to pay back (take water off the Lake) for the deviations made earlier this year for ice formation to aid hydropower entities and downstream flooding around Montreal.

All Lake Ontario South Shore property owners both private and public should be concerned!