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## RECOGNITION FOR THE LAKE PROTECTION PLAN OF THE MRC D'ARGENTEUIL

**Lachute, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2009** – The MRC d'Argenteuil and Abrinord announce the signature of an agreement on the hydrographic basin pertaining to the establishment of an Action Plan to protect the health of the lakes and watercourses in Argenteuil. Therefore, Abrinord recognizes the beneficial nature of this plan created by a committee made up of elected officials and municipal officers and implemented by the MRC from 2008 to 2010. It deals with issues such as the treatment and management of wastewater, deforestation of shorelines, all-out development around lakes and land application of fertilizers and pesticides. These components play a major role in the preservation of the ecological integrity of these ecosystems.

The warden of the MRC d'Argenteuil and mayor of Saint-André-d'Argenteuil, Mr. Daniel Beaulieu, states that "the protection of this *Blue Gold* is at the core of the preoccupations of the nine local municipalities of the MRC d'Argenteuil since it is a priceless and fundamental collective heritage for the socio-economic development of our territory. The issues are ecological, social and economic. The solutions are a collective responsibility and will have to express changes of values, behaviours and practices."

Mr. Claude Magnan, President of Abrinord, has stressed the "structuring character of this plan to protect the water since it involves more than ten objectives of the Water Management Plan (WMP) of the rivière du Nord. The fact that the MRC d'Argenteuil is committed to supporting the local municipalities in their water management is an impressive example of a unifying and consensus building project."

### **ABOUT ABRINORD**

The *Organisme de bassin versant de la rivière du Nord* (Abrinord) was identified by the ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs as the organization responsible for one of the 40 zones of integrated management of water of Québec. The organization's mission is to encourage joint action between different stakeholders who have an interest in water in order to prepare and implement sustainable solutions with a perspective on integrated management of water and aquatic and riparian ecosystems for the whole of the hydrographic basin of the *rivière du Nord*.

We invite you to read the agreement which is available on Abrinord's web site at <http://www.abrinord.qc.ca/gestionbv.html#Entente>.

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