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*1999 Annual Report*

# *Prospects for Tomorrow*



*The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission*

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*The Honorable George H. Ryan, Governor of Illinois*

*The Honorable Frank O'Bannon, Governor of Indiana*

*The Honorable Paul E. Patton, Governor of Kentucky*

*The Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York*

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## *Message from the Chairman*

### *Forging Partnerships, Meeting Milestones, Searching for Solutions*

*Interstate cooperation is imperative to the future of water quality in this country. ORSANCO continues to be a leader in interstate cooperation, forging partnerships with water pollution control agencies from around the nation, meeting milestones in public outreach and educational efforts, and searching for innovative solutions to water quality issues in the Ohio River Basin.*

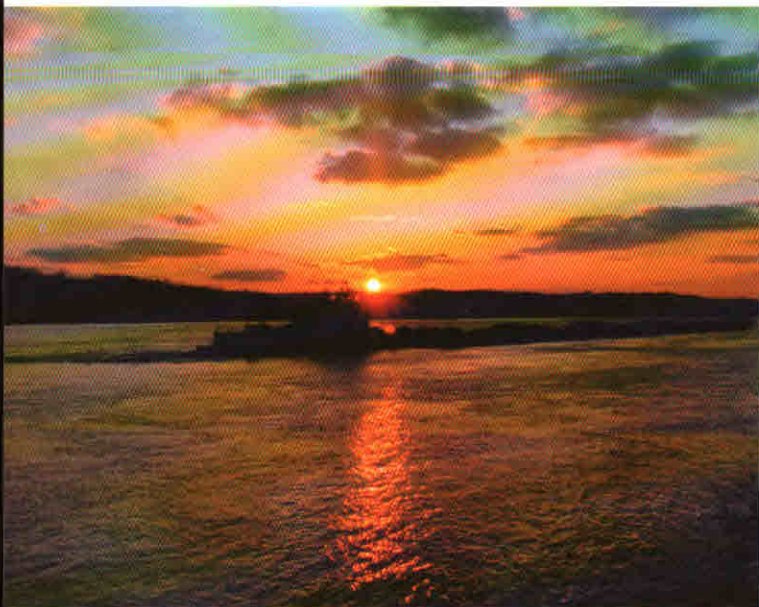
#### *Forging Partnerships*

As an interstate agency, ORSANCO has a long history of collaborative partnerships with state and federal agencies in the Ohio River Basin and with local utilities and industries located along the river. 1999 was a year for building upon these existing relationships and for establishing new partnerships with water agencies and organizations across the nation and the globe. In September 1999, ORSANCO became one of 10 signatories to a Declaration of Partnership for the 21st Century. This Declaration, a product of the annual meeting of the Interstate Council on Water Policy, could be the genesis for future partnerships among interstate watershed management organizations, potentially serving as a model for similar collaborative agreements across the country.

ORSANCO's partnerships in the Gulf of Mexico region were reinforced through continued participation in the investigation of two nutrients, nitrogen and phosphorus, in the Mississippi River Basin. Working on behalf of the six states on the Ohio River main stem, this program will attempt to identify the impact and sources of nutrient loading from the Ohio River subbasin to the Mississippi River, and ultimately to the Gulf of Mexico.

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Finally, expanding our reputation as an international leader in water pollution control, ORSANCO partnered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) Great Lakes/Baltic Sea Partnership. In October 1999, ORSANCO staff members and U.S. EPA representatives led a Watershed Management Workshop in Jurmala, Latvia. Representatives from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and the Russian Oblast of Kaliningrad attended the sessions. The purpose of the workshop was to develop watershed demonstration projects for the Parnu Basin in Estonia, the Lielupe Basin in Latvia and Lithuania, and the Sesupe Basin in Kaliningrad and Lithuania.



#### *Meeting Milestones*

1999 was certainly a year of milestones for ORSANCO's Public Information and Education Programs. River Sweep celebrated its 10th year as a river-wide clean-up effort on June 19, 1999. Over 23,000 people participated in the River Sweep, cleaning more than 3,000 miles of shoreline on the Ohio River and its tributaries.

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