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### **Global Water Expert Interviewed on National Public Radio**

ANNAPOLIS (April 21, 2005) – LakeNet president Dr. David Read Barker was interviewed today on National Public Radio concerning the recently released Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, a study by 1,360 experts in 95 nations. An archive of the “Open Line” radio show from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. on radio station WOSU in Columbus, Ohio is available at: <http://www.wosu.org/am/openline.php>.

LakeNet, based in Annapolis, Maryland, has been active in preparing the inland waters portion of the Millennium Assessment. The landmark study, released on 30 March 2005, reveals that approximately 60 percent of the ecosystem services that support life on Earth – such as fresh water, capture fisheries, air and water regulation, and the regulation of regional climate, natural hazards and pests – are being degraded or used unsustainably. Scientists warn that the harmful consequences of this degradation could grow significantly worse in the next 50 years. For more information about the assessment, visit: <http://www.millenniumassessment.org>. LakeNet is a global lake protection network with members in more than 100 countries. For more information about LakeNet’s world lakes network, visit: <http://www.worldlakes.org>.

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