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CLMP Steering Committee April 2009

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Dear Lake Monitoring Steward:

Welcome to the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program's (CLMP's) **Chlorophyll Project**. The CLMP is a significant partnership effort between the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc. (MLSA), and you, the lake monitoring steward. Michigan State University Extension and MiCorps staff provides the partnership with technical support. We are collectively able to gather, analyze, and record important data on Michigan's lakes with the CLMP partnership that otherwise might not be available. The CLMP is a key program in Governor Granholm's Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps), a statewide volunteer water quality monitoring network ([www.micorps.net](http://www.micorps.net)). MiCorps is being implemented for the DEQ by the Great Lakes Commission and the Huron River Watershed Council.

Today you will receive the chlorophyll monitoring equipment, procedures, data forms, sampling dates, and sample turn-in dates and locations. We will take you through all of the procedures and demonstrate the sample collection and sample handling techniques. Please take the time to thoroughly review the monitoring procedures and sampling dates. We have scheduled five chlorophyll monitoring events over the summer, one each month from May through September. There will be two sample turn-in dates; one in July and one in September. Make sure that you follow the monitoring procedures and sample turn-in instructions as written so we can assure the highest quality data are obtained in this program. **(Reminder: Lake Sampling Site (Field ID) numbers have been added to the forms. Please look up your site number(s) and write it on your forms and sample bottles.)**

On behalf of the CLMP Steering Committee, I thank you for your interest in the CLMP and your commitment to the inland lake resources of Michigan. Please contact Dr. Jo Latimore, Lake and Stream Outreach Specialist at MSU at 517-432-1491 with questions, or you may contact either myself at 734-769-5123 ext. 14 or [psteen@hrwc.org](mailto:psteen@hrwc.org), or Ms. Jean Roth, MLSA, using the contact information above.

**MI Lakes.**

**Ours to Protect.**

Sincerely,

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