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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) **Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature 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 provide 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 dissolved oxygen (DO) and temperature monitoring equipment, supplies, procedures, and data forms. We will take you through all of the procedures, and demonstrate the DO and temperature measurement along with the data recording techniques. We will also check out and calibrate the DO and temperature meters. You will be asked to sign a loan agreement for the DO and temperature monitoring equipment and supplies. This equipment is expensive and we ask that you use it with care. Please take the time to thoroughly review the monitoring procedures, data forms, and instructions enclosed in your training packet. **Note: Please be sure to include your new Lake Sampling Site (Field ID) numbers on your data forms. Do not use old forms.** If possible, please also enter your data into the MiCorps Data Exchange on the MiCorps website.

You will be sharing the DO and temperature monitoring equipment and supplies with other volunteers within your group on a rotating basis. You will ideally measure DO and temperature profiles in your lake every two weeks from mid-May to mid-September. A leader has been identified for each group. The group leaders will initially receive the equipment and supplies and be responsible to setup a monitoring schedule for each group. The group leaders will also provide training to the participants in the groups that could not attend the scheduled CLMP training. A list of group leaders and volunteers participating in this year's program is enclosed in your packet.

## MI Lakes.

### Ours to Protect.

You will send the completed DO and temperature data forms at the end of the monitoring season to Ralph Bednarz, DEQ CLMP coordinator at DEQ-Water Bureau, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, MI 48909-7773. The DO and temperature monitoring equipment and supplies will be returned to your group leader who will return it to the DEQ CLMP coordinator.

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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 Ralph Bednarz at the contact information above with questions, or you may contact me at 734-769-5123 ext. 14 or [psteen@hrwc.org](mailto:psteen@hrwc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Steen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "S".

Paul Steen, Program Manager  
Michigan Clean Water Corps

Enclosures