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CLMP Steering Committee

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Dear Lake Monitoring Steward:

Welcome to the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program's (CLMP's) **Spring Phosphorus 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). MiCorps is being implemented for the DEQ by the Great Lakes Commission and the Huron River Watershed Council.

Enclosed are the sample bottles that you will utilize for lake water sample collection. Please call Ms. Jean Roth, MLSA, at the contact information above, if you receive the bottles with the caps detached and she will send you replacements. It is very important for sample integrity that no contaminants are introduced into the bottle. You will also find the monitoring procedures, bottle labels, phosphorus data form, sampling dates, and sample turn-in dates and locations enclosed.

Please take the time to thoroughly review the monitoring procedures, sampling dates, and sample turn-in dates and locations so we can assure that the highest quality data are obtained in this program. Make sure you complete the labels and attach them to the bottles prior to sampling. Please also complete the phosphorus data form and submit it with your samples.

Reminder: Lake Sampling Site (Field ID) numbers have been added to the forms. Please look up your site number(s) and enter it on each form. Do not use older data forms. If possible, please also enter your data in the MiCorps Data Exchange (accessible on the website, www.micorps.net).

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 Ms. Roth if you should need replacement bottles. Please contact Dr. Jo Latimore, Lake and Stream Outreach Specialist at MSU, at 517-432-1491, for questions on the monitoring procedures or sample turn-in instructions, or you may contact me at 734-769-5123 ext. 14 or psteen@hrwc.org.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

MI Lakes.

Ours to Protect.

