Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Bloom Report Form

Please provide information about the potential blue-green algae bloom observed. This form must be typewritten or printed legibly. This form may be completed manually or online using Adobe Reader and saved to your computer. Please email a completed copy of this form to EPA.HAB@illinois.gov.

Include at least two digital photographs (one close up and one landscape photo to show the surroundings) as email attachments.

Note: Illinois EPA will review all forms submitted. As staff and resources allow, monitoring and follow-up response action may be initiated with priority given to publicly owned lakes.

Waterbody Information

Waterbody Name: ________________________________ Lake Code (if known): _______________________
County: ____________________ Water Type: ____________________ Water Flow: _______________________

Waterbody Used for (select all that apply):

- Recreation
- Residential Use
- Cooling Water
- Drinking Water Supply
- Aquaculture
- Unknown
- Industrial
- Other

Is the lake publicly owned?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Unknown  Are Digital Photos Attached?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  Attach Photos

GPS coordinates in Decimal Degrees (if other, please specify):

Latitude (Decimal N 00.000)  ☐ GPS Measured
Longitude (Decimal W 00.000)  ☐ Google Earth  Other: ________________________________

Report Completed By:

Name: ___________________________________________ Organization: ____________________________
Title: ___________________________________________ Phone: _________________________________
Email: __________________________________________ Phone: _________________________________

Are you a VLMP volunteer?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Bloom Description

Date Bloom Observed: ____________________________ Estimated Size of the bloom (sq. ft.): __________

Describe the bloom location (e.g. center of lake, boat dock, beach, etc.): The box below will expand as needed

________________________________________________________________________________________

Describe any color(s) you see in the bloom: The box below will expand as needed

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Describe any odor(s) associated with the bloom (e.g. septic, rotten, fishy, earthy, etc.): The box below will expand as needed

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Is there an accumulation of algae at the surface?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Uncertain

Note: algae at the surface can look like grass clippings, green/blue thick foam, spilled paint.

Is bloom near a public beach, boat ramp or marina?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Unknown

Is bloom near a public water supply intake?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Unknown
Are you aware of any human or animal illness that occurred due to bloom exposure (including fish kills)?  
- Yes  - No

**Sampling Information**

Were samples taken?  
- Yes  - No

Do you know if other water quality information is available? (please specify)

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