The Secchi Dip-In Entry Form Please submit the data at our website (http://www.secchidipin.org) and keep this form as a record. If you have no computer access, mail this form to the Secchi Dip-in address given at the end of this form. **Person Taking Reading:** First Name: Last Name: Telephone Number (____) E-mail Address: Your Monitoring Program Name (if applicable):_____ Please enter the following information on your waterbody State/Province Waterbody Name:_____ Country_ County/Region _____ Longitude of Site: _____ Degrees ____ Minutes ____ Sec____ Degrees Minutes Sec Latitude of Site: Please include map locating the waterbody and site if you don't know the map coordinates. Waterbody Type: O Natural Lake/Pond (No Dam) O Reservoir (Dam) O Stream/River O Estuary O Marine O Other waterbody type Size (Lake or Reservoir Only) O Less than 5 Acres O 5-10 Acres O 10-100 Acres O 100-500 Acres O> 500 Acres Actual Size (If known): O Acres O Hectares Depth at Site (If known): O Ft O Meters Please enter the transparency measurement below. OJuly Enter Date: Year: 20 **Date of Reading:** Month: OJune **Time of Observation:** OAM OPM (To the nearest 15 minutes) Site Name or Site Number (As Used in Your Normal Program Monitoring): Weather: O Sunny O Partly Cloudy O Overcast O Rain The reading was taken from a O Boat/canoe O Dock O Bridge O Wading O Other Turbidity **Turbidity** LaMotte Vertical Secchi Disk Turbidity **Black Disk** Meter Tube Reading: My Reading is measured in O Feet OInches O Meters O Centimeters O NTU O JTU O FTU It is very important that you add the Units of Measure (Feet, Inches, Meters, etc) so that we can accurately estimate transparency. Please answer the following if you used a Secchi Disk Please answer the following if you used a Turbidity tube Was the disk resting on the bottom? OYes O No Is the disk OAll White OBlack and White Length of tube: OInches or OCentimeters Did you use a viewscope? OYes ONo If Yes, is it an OOpen tube or has Was the bottom of the tube visible when full? OYes O No OClear glass or plastic on bottom? Did you view the disk on the OSunny or OShady side of boat Did you wear sunglasses? OYes ONo Please enter other variables you measured here What is the general water Has the quality changed in the past 5 years? quality of your waterbody? O Beautiful, No Problems O Better Temp Oxygen рH Surface ____ (ppm or mg/L) O Meter O Minor Problems O Worse Surface____ O Slight Use Impairment O No change Bottom ____ O pH paper Bottom ____ O Don't know □ Degrees F O Comparator O Substantial Impairment ☐ Degrees C Bottom depth 0 O Use Totally Impaired

What factors (if any) negatively affect the general water quality at your site?

Problem	I Don't Know	Beautiful, Causes No Problems	Causes Minor Problems	Causes Slight Use Impairment	Causes Substantial Use Impairment	Causes Use To Be Totally Impaired
Algal Scums						
Aquatic Weeds (Seaweed)						
Turbidity (from sediments and erosion)						
Boats/Boating (Congestion, Safety, Noise)						
Poor Fishing						
Personal Watercraft (Jet Skis)						
Bacteria						
Dense Housing						
Filling-In						
Trash and Litter						
Pest Wildlife (Raccoons, Geese, Ducks, etc.)						
Noise (Non-Boating: neighbors, traffic, etc.)						
Swimmers Itch						
Too Many Rules and Regulations						
Other						

Dip-In Instructions

- Measure transparency on any day during the Dip-In period. Please do not go out if it is raining, if there is abnormally high boat traffic, or if your safety would be at risk. A clear, calm day is best.
- Go to the site or sites where you normally measure transparency. Follow your normal monitoring procedures.
- Enter the data at our web site (http://www.secchidipin.org) or, *Carefully and completely* record your findings on this form. We may not be able to use your information unless the blanks are filled in correctly.
- Please be sure to add your telephone number and e-mail address in case we have questions about your answers.
- It is very important to know where your sampling site is. If you supplied this information in the past, you do not have to add it again.
- Be sure to **mark the type of transparency device** you use, whether it is a Secchi disk, a turbidity tube, a LaMotte® turbidity column, a turbidimeter, or a vertical black disk. It is especially important that you enter the units (feet, inches, meters, centimeters, etc.) in which the transparency reading was measured.
- If you have participated in the past, please participate again so that we can examine trends in transparency.
- Do you have any questions? Look at our website (http://www.secchidipin.org), e-mail us at secchidipin@nalms.org or write us at:

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