

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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