

Lake Management Report

I'm sure you have all seen something like this in our lake this year. This is a Harmful Algal Bloom, or HAB, and it is becoming a concern in freshwaters around the world. We have seen it before in limited visits usually in late fall. It is characterized by a spilled paint appearance on the surface and a Pea soup appearance within the water. Certain types of blue-green algae can produce toxins that can be harmful to animals, pets, and humans. Scientists don't yet know what factors contribute to causing one bloom like this to produce toxins and other times not. Our 9/25 CSLAP sample was confirmed to have cyanobacteria capable of producing toxins per DEC. When you see algae like this, avoid contact with the water, don't let pets drink from, or swim in lake. The E.P.A. 's slogan is: "When in doubt, Stay out". For more information go to www.nysfola.org. Click on the Lake and Watershed Mgt. header tab.



