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Mr. Harland Stubing
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Dear Mr. Stubing,

I am sorry that I did not answer your letter sooner, but I have been out of town for about two weeks.

As you have discovered, I have been working, not only with Tom Higgenbotham, but also with some people at Cornell who were the ones who finally identified the problem for us. The Eagle Lake Association's attitude is not "benign" as you suggest. I have kept its Executive Committee fully informed of my findings and they are very concerned. In addition, another resident, Mr. Runge, has been actively working, unbeknownst to me, on the "acid rain" problem. This information has also been fed to the Executive Committee.

Personally, I have notified all those residents who live on the shores of the lake who do not have the benefit of Town water, that they should filter the lake water for drinking and other purposes. Unfortunately, I do not know the names and addresses of those people who live on the South shore of the West end of the lake, (other than Mr. Ruck), or I would have notified them, also. If you have them, please let me know.

Regarding the cause of the problem, as Tom told you it is questionable, and the only way we can find out the truth is to do septic tank checks, as you suggest. There is one area of caution, though - pollution through human waste is not proof of the growth of these creatures - only the additional use of phosphates could be the cause. My point is that there is at least one outhouse on the lake; the State sanitary code does not prohibit the use of this outhouse, believe it or not! If we do a dye test and show a problem, we still will have some legal difficulties in preventing the problem from continuing. But I do not disagree - the tests should be made so that we know once and for all where the problems are.

I will pass your name on to the Executive Committee as a concerned land owner, and hope that you will be at the annual meeting to be held on Saturday, July 19th. As we are looking for people who would volunteer to do the dye testing, I would suggest that you write the President:

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Very truly yours,



Robert C. Stevens

cc: D. Warren