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## APA may allow milfoil herbicide

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1.

[DW121](#) said on: February 10, 2010, 10:03 pm

I read elsewhere the 72-hour treatment is expected to make the water undrinkable for two to three weeks and result in a likely irrigation ban for 120 days. I could be wrong, but I doubt anyone gets their water from this lake. I also wonder if the ban would mean no swimming or fishing in the lake for 4 months.



2.

[glenmere](#) said on: February 10, 2010, 5:37 pm

It's easy to connect the dots in the NYS DEC's conflicts of interest surrounding Alleged invasive plant eradication protocols for NYS.

The private, NJ-based company that performs most NYSDEC biological surveys is Allied Biological, whose president, Glenn Sullivan, is a board officer of the Northeast Aquatic Plant Management Society.

Interestingly, NYS DEC Environmental Engineer Scott Kishbaugh, the DEC's decision-maker on eradicating "invasive plants", serves on this same board as internal auditor:  
<http://www.neapms.net/officers.php>

This "non-profit" cites, as their largest monetary contributor, the Sepro corporation:  
<http://www.neapms.net/2009sponsors.php>

The Sepro Corporation, in their own words, "focuses on developing, manufacturing and marketing value-added products for specialty applications in niche markets": <http://www.sepro.com/>

A leading product that Sepro developed, manufactures, and markets is "Renovate", the herbicide that Allied, and NYSDEC environmental engineer Kishbaugh is pushing for use at Lake Luzerne:  
<http://www.sepro.com/default.php?page=renovate>

We have a situation where the NYSDEC allows a private, for-profit firm to perform "biological surveys" of Florida's reservoir.

The DEC's own environmental engineer, (on our tax dollars ), recommends a product manufactured by a corporation that makes the single largest donation to a private, non-profit society that he serves on as "internal auditor".

Allied Biological also made the amazing "discovery" of NY's FIRST occurrence of "invasive " "Hydrilla" in a tiny pond in Sugar Loaf, NY last year. Kishbaugh recommended that Sepro products be used, and he led the DEC public hearing where concerned residents voiced concerns that were ignored by Kishbaugh's department.

I strongly urge residents around Lake Luzerne to examine this relationship more closely before allowing these toxins to be applied to your beautiful lake.

Jay Westerveld  
Glenmere Conservation Coalition



3.

[Glend](#) said on: February 10, 2010, 4:44 pm

The Adirondack Council is fighting this and they have 3 former board members planted on the APA board, including the APA chairman Curt Stiles.

Watch how the Adirondack Council types line up on this.

The proceeding will be web-cast on the APA website at:  
[http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2](http://nysapa.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2)

Watch Stiles, Wray, and Booth.



4.

[electric](#) said on: February 10, 2010, 2:58 pm

APA is finally admitting Milfoil can not be controlled by hand harvesting. It will kill a lake, so other measures must be tried either Herbicide chemicals which have effective record or Chinese fish that eat the milfoil and destroy the ecosystem. Pick your poison but do not continue a failed strategy.



5.

Candide said on: February 10, 2010, 1:48 pm

And the APA aren't a collection of bullies ? Where the hell YOU been ?



6.

whathe said on: February 10, 2010, 1:14 pm

The APA is allowing something? Quick, Adirondackers, if you wanna build something, now's the time!



7.

JeffJenkins said on: February 10, 2010, 11:54 am

It figures the Adirondack Council would way in here and do what it always does- impede progress. Hand harvesting this milfoil is an exercise in futility. It is amazing that the APA has held onto this position for this long.

Send your kids to school to study science and the environment, then when they come up with new ways to combat environmental issues, tell them that they are not allowed. The Adirondack Council is a bullying agency and its opinions should not be allowed to drive APA policy. Taxpaying residents of these bodies of water deserve better.

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