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To: LLCOA

Attached please find a copy of the 2017 CSLAP report for your lake. I apologize for the long delay in getting this to you- between the extreme time commitment associated with the Governor's 2018 HABs initiative and a transition to a new database, completion of the CSLAP reports was delayed this year. We hope this did not create an undue burden for you and your lake community.

You may notice that the report looks a little different from the 2016 CSLAP report. Although the format is largely unchanged, this report was mostly generated out of our new database. We hope this will be a more sustainable model for future reporting that eventually expedites this reporting. As always, we welcome any feedback you provide, and please let us know if there are any errors that require correction. Please feel free to distribute this report to others in your lake community, or direct them to the reports when they are eventually posted on the DEC (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/77821.html>) or NYSFOLA (<http://nysfola.mylaketown.com/search/pdf>) webpages.

There will be several other major changes to the program in 2018, including some additional sampling parameters, visits from CSLAP field technicians (SUNY ESF interns) on some lakes, and some other pilot projects. You'll hear more about those in the coming weeks. An additional major change coming in the near future is new staff. DEC has hired a new CSLAP coordinator- Stephanie June- to slowly take over some of the program responsibilities that I have assumed for the last 32 years. This transition will take place over many months, and I am confident that Stephanie will continue to improve the program in collaboration with FOLA, our partner laboratories, and each of the hundreds of volunteers that got us to where we are today. I am sure many of you will meet Stephanie soon, and I am sure you will all make her feel welcome in the CSLAP community.

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