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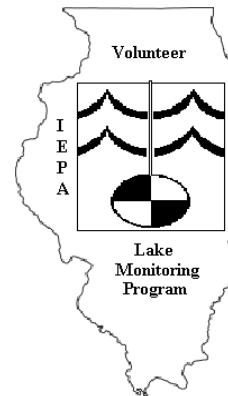**Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program**
2016 Version 1.3

ONLINE DATABASE SECCHI FORM ENTRY

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Lake Monitoring Program

http://dataservices.epa.illinois.gov/waBowSurfaceWater

⟵ **Online Database Secchi Form Entry Address**

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Home

Since 1981, citizen volunteers, the Illinois EPA, and area-wide planning commisions have been working to monitor the quality of Illinois' lakes through the Illinois Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP). This cooperative effort provides information on many more lakes than could be otherwise monitored by the state agency staff. The volunteers have learned much about their lakes, and a substantial database has been established from information they have collected. The data is routinely used by lake scientists, planners, consultants, and the volunteers themselves for a wide variety of purposes.

Browser Requirements:
The following are requirements needed for using the VLMP Web Application

Internet Explorer 6, 7, 8
Javascript Enabled.
Allow Popups from this Site. (*this is not for advertisement purposes but for informational reminder messages.)
Recommended Screen Resolution of 1024 by 768 or higher.

*To change or check any of the browser settings above, please refer to your browser's documentation or deskop display settings.

If you are using Internet Explorer v8 and are having issues with the above Get Started Menu you may Click Here to see how to toggle compatibility mode.

Homepage View

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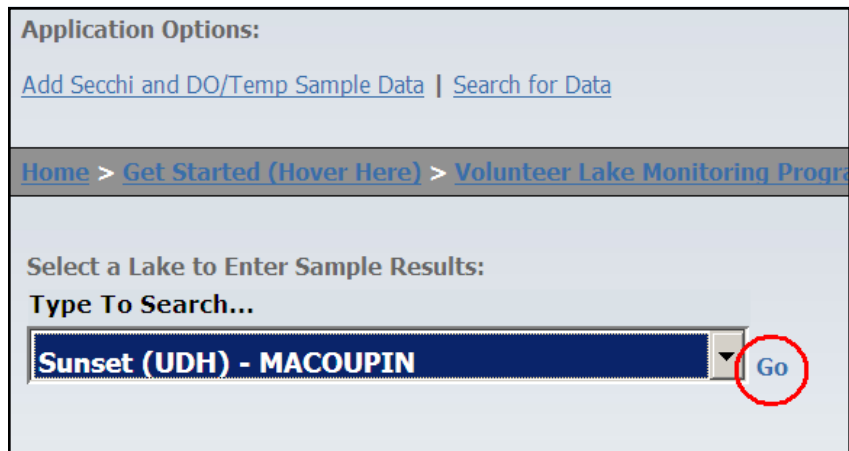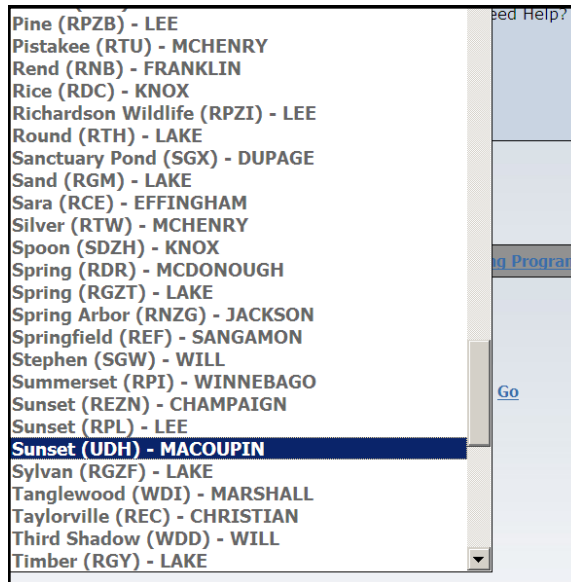
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Lake Selection Page

Select your lake from the drop-down list.

Notice that the lake selection drop-down has the lake name, lake code, and county.

It is possible to have several lakes in the Program with the same name. For example: To the right, you can see there are two Spring Lakes and three Sunset Lakes in the Program. To help differentiate, we added the lake code and county.
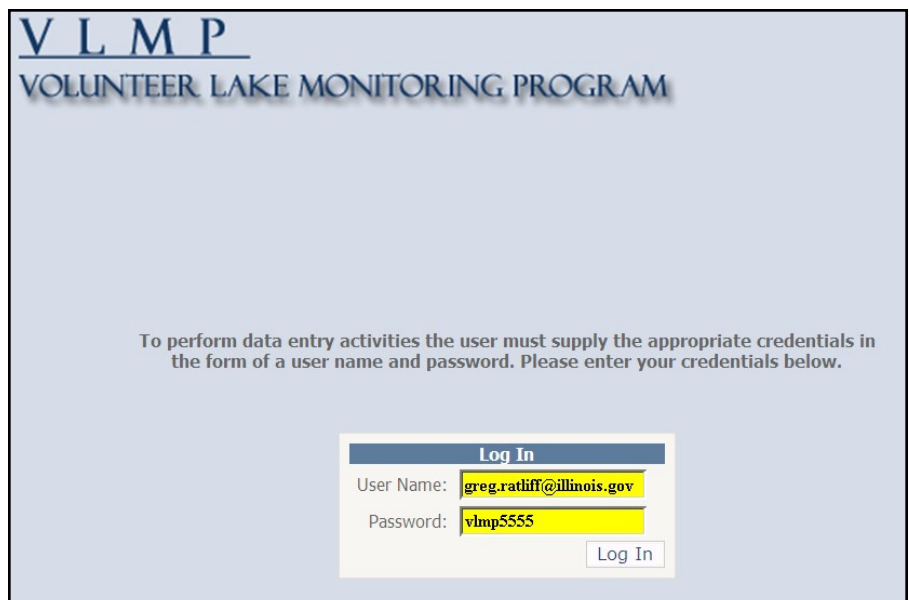
Pine (RPZB) - LEE
Pistakee (RTU) - MCHENRY
Rend (RNB) - FRANKLIN
Rice (RDC) - KNOX
Richardson Wildlife (RPZI) - LEE
Round (RTH) - LAKE
Sanctuary Pond (SGX) - DUPAGE
Sand (RGM) - LAKE
Sara (RCE) - EFFINGHAM
Silver (RTW) - MCHENRY
Spoon (SDZH) - KNOX
Spring (RDR) - MCDONOUGH
Spring (RGZT) - LAKE
Spring Arbor (RNZG) - JACKSON
Springfield (REF) - SANGAMON
Stephen (SGW) - WILL
Summerset (RPI) - WINNEBAGO
Sunset (REZN) - CHAMPAIGN
Sunset (RPL) - LEE
Sunset (UDH) - MACOUPIN
Sylvan (RGZF) - LAKE
Tanglewood (WDI) - MARSHALL
Taylorville (REC) - CHRISTIAN
Third Shadow (WDD) - WILL
Timber (RGY) - LAKE

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Select a Lake to Enter Sample Results:
Type To Search...

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After selecting your lake, click on Go to the right of your selection.

Login Page

Login using the email address you provided on your Registration Form. Your password was supplied in a letter mailed to you after registering in the Program.

Contact your coordinator if you cannot find your password.

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To perform data entry activities the user must supply the appropriate credentials in the form of a user name and password. Please enter your credentials below.

Log In
User Name: greg.ratliff@illinois.gov
Password: vlmp5555
Log In

Data Entry Page

Verify that you have select-ed the correct lake.

Monitoring Event Section

Fill in information for the Monitoring Event as com-pletely as possible. This in-formation comes directly from your Secchi Monitor-ing Form. This first section contains general lake infor-mation.

The single most important information in this section is the date. Without a date to tie the event to, the data gathered is impaired and may not be useful.

NOTE: For exotics, use the drop-down, then hit the grayed arrow button next to the drop-down box to add that exotic to the Selected Aquatic Exotics box.

Volunteers Currently Assigned to (your lake).

Click a box(es) to assign volunteer(s). At least one volunteer must be assigned as primary or an error can occur when station data is entered. If you do not see a volunteer listed, you can add them on the right hand side of this section; however, at least one box must be checked or an error is likely to occur at submittal.

Contact your coordinator if you do not find a name to check. Only supplying names in the text boxes will cause an error to occur in data submittal.

DO/Temp Profile File Upload

For those who monitor dissolved oxygen and temperature profiles, only.

First, download a DO/Temp Profile Template and save it to your hard drive where you can find it after each sampling event.

You can also download an example for use in filling out the excel spreadsheet.

Save each event's spreadsheet with an unique file name that you can identify when uploading on the site.

HINT: It is best to already have this done before logging in to the website for each event.

Secchi Results.

Select a site # from the dropdown list and input your data in each of the blocks. Only click the little boxes under <u>Secchi Visible on the Bottom</u> and <u>Secchi Hidden by Aquatic Plants</u>, if the answer is yes.

After filling in all the appropriate data for a give site #, click on <u>Add Result.</u>

The page will refresh, now showing the information you entered in a table format.

Select the next Site # on the dropdown list and add data for that site. Remember to <u>Add Result</u> for the last site to enter before clicking on <u>Finished</u>.

Review the data entered. You may delete or edit the Secchi information you have entered by clicking on the corresponding <u>Edit</u> or <u>Delete</u> button.

When you are satisfied with the data entered, click on <u>Finished</u>.

Important: If site numbers are missing from the dropdown list, contact your coordinator.

After clicking on **Finished**, a popup should appear giving you one last chance to confirm your data. If all data are entered correctly, click **Submit**. This does not always occur, though the data does enter the database. If you want to confirm that it is in the database, all you have to do is look in the viewing section. It will already be there for viewing.

Clicking submit will **finalize** your data entry session. Please ensure all data entered below is accurate before clicking submit. If you find any errors you may click cancel and correct them. Upon clicking submit an email confirmation will be generated and sent to you. Once this operation is complete you will be returned to **add additional results**. If you are **done entering results** after clicking submit **you may select Logout to end your session or select another menu option from the drop down menu above.**

Sample Date: 09/30/2010	Aquatic Plants: No Selection	Volunteer Hours:	Amount of Rain in the past 48 hours:
Wind Direction: None	Cloud Cover: No Selection	Waves: No Selection	
Lake Level Is: No Selection	Lake Level Measure:	Gauge Reading:	

Observations:
Other Information:
Management:

Aquatic Exotic(s) Present

Volunteer(s) Assisting During Monitoring Trip
Kolsto, Steve

Other People Assisting

Secchi Result(s)

Site #	Collection Time	Secchi Depth (nearest inch)	Secchi Visible on the Bottom	Secchi Hidden by Aquatic Plants	Color	Plant Coverage at Site	Total Depth (nearest 1/2 foot)
UDH-1	15:35	26	No	No	13	0	15.5
UDH-2	15:45	20	No	No	17	1	10.5
UDH-3	15:55	13	No	No	15	3	6

☐ To add another sample to Sunset (UDH) - MACOUPIN please check the box before selecting Submit.

[Submit] [Cancel]

After submitting your data, the lake selection page will come up, giving you the opportunity to enter data for another sampling event on the same or other lake.

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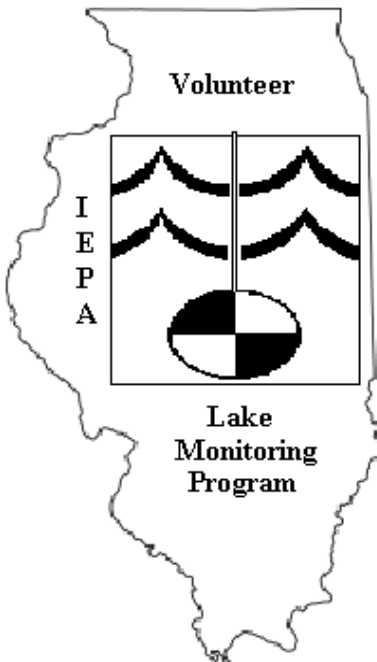**Download DO/Temp Profile Template**

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Contact VLMP Help at:
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Or contact your regional coordinator.