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Dear Mr. Smith,

I wish to thank you for your letter of November 2nd regarding the "little creatures" in Eagle Lake, (Essex County).

A couple of other questions come to mind regarding this phenomenon.

First, we have only noticed the plankton in the last two years. Why? Is it an indication of a higher pollution level? If the growth continues at the rate of the last two years for another two years, we will be diving into solid instead of liquid. Is this a cyclical situation which will reduce by itself in a couple of years? Or are we in for a real problem? The Lake residents are complaining about coming out from swimming with their bathing suits covered with these little animals, which leave spots when they dry.

Second, on the North side of the East part of the Lake, (and on the South side of the West end), there is no electricity nor water, and the residents, (among them me), pump water from the Lake for drinking, washing themselves and their clothes, and using the water for sanitary purposes. I would appreciate knowing what problems could arise from these animals in the tanks that the water is held in prior to use. We all pump the water into holding tanks, and we have had to clean them out only at the beginning of each season, prior to now, as Eagle Lake water has been so clean and pure. What should we expect in the future?

Thank you for helping us.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Stevens, President
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Association