



GREAT LAKES BEACHES ROUTINE ON-SITE SANITARY SURVEY

Name of Beach: _____ Date and Time of Survey: _____

Beach ID: _____ Surveyor Name(s): _____

Sampling Station(s)/ID: _____ Surveyor Affiliation: _____

STORET Organizational ID: _____

PART I – GENERAL BEACH CONDITIONS

Air Temperature: _____ °C or °F | Wind: Speed (mph) _____
 Direction (e.g., E or 90°) _____ (From which direction the wind is coming)

Rainfall: <24 hours <48 hours <72 >72 hours since last rain event and _____ inches or _____ cm rainfall measured

Rain Intensity: Misting Light Rain Steady Rain Heavy Rain Other

Weather Conditions:

Sky Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly Sunny	<input type="checkbox"/> Partly Sunny	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly Cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Amount of cloud coverage	No Clouds	1/8 to 2/8	3/8 to 1/2	5/8 to 7/8	Total Coverage

Wave Intensity: Calm Normal Rough Wave Height: _____ ft Estimated or Actual

Longshore current speed and direction (cm/sec, S or 180°): _____

Comments/Observations _____

PART II – WATER QUALITY

Bacteria Samples Collected (list samples collected from beach water and potential pollution sources, if applicable—see Part IV)

Sample Point	Sample #	Parameter (<i>E. coli</i> , enterococci, etc.)	Comments:

Water Temperature: _____ °C or °F Change in Color? yes no If yes, describe _____

Odor: None Septic Algae Sulfur Other _____

Turbidity: Clear Slightly Turbid Turbid Opaque or NTU: _____

Comments/Observations _____

PART III – BATHER LOAD

Total number of people in the water: _____ Total number of people out of the water: _____

Total number of people at the beach: _____

List of Activities Seen (optional):

Type of Activity			
Number of People			

Comments/Observations _____



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PART IV – POTENTIAL POLLUTION SOURCES

Sources of Discharge:

Type	River(s)	Pond(s)	Wetland(s)	Outfall(s)	Other (specify):
Name(s) of Source(s)					
Amount (H, M, L)					
Flow Rate (M/sec)					
Volume					
Characteristics					

Did you collect any bacteria samples from the sources listed in the table above? yes no

If "Yes", did you list the samples in the table in Part II, Water Quality? yes no

Floatables present: yes no Please circle the following floatables if found:

Type	Street litter	Food-related litter	Medical items	Sewage-related	Building materials	Fishing related	Household waste	Other:
Example	Cigarette filters	Food packing, beverage containers	Syringes	Condoms, tampons	Pieces of wood, siding	Fishing line, nets, lures	Household trash, plastic bags	

Amount of Beach Debris/Litter on Beach: None Low (1-20%) Moderate (21-50%) High (>50%)

Type of Debris/Litter Found (please circle)

Type	Street litter	Food-related litter	Medical items	Sewage-related	Building materials	Fishing related	Household waste	Tar	Oil/Grease	Other:
Example	Cigarette filters	Food packing, beverage containers	Syringes	Condoms, tampons	Pieces of wood, siding	Fishing line, nets, lures	Household trash, plastic bags	Tar balls	Oil slick	

Amount of Algae in Nearshore Water: None Low (1-20%) Moderate (21-50%) High (>50%)

Amount of Algae on Beach: None Low (1-20%) Moderate (21-50%) High (>50%)

Circle the types of algae found

Type	Periphyton	Globular	Free floating	Other
Description	Attached to rocks, stringy	Blobs of floating materials	No obvious mass of materials	Please describe

Circle the color of algae found

Light green	Bright green	Dark green	Yellow	Brown	Other
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Presence of Wildlife and Domestic Animals

Type	Geese	Gulls	Dogs	Other (specify)
Number				

List the number of each species of bird found dead on the beach

Type	Common loons	Herring gulls	Ring-billed gulls	Double crested cormorants	Long-tailed ducks	White-winged scoter	Horned grebes	Red-necked grebes	Other
Number found dead									

Number of dead fish found on the beach: _____

Comments/Observations (continue on back if necessary):