



To Whom It May Concern:

Collection of aquatic macroinvertebrates for the purpose of monitoring stream and river health is not regulated by the State of Michigan. **Neither a recreational fishing license nor a scientific collector's permit is required to handle, collect, or possess aquatic macroinvertebrates, alive or dead, for monitoring purposes.**

The Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) is the State of Michigan's volunteer lake and stream monitoring program. The program is supported by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and administered by Michigan State University and its subcontractors.

Trained volunteers regularly collect aquatic macroinvertebrates for the purpose of monitoring stream and river health through the MiCorps Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program.

Questions about MiCorps can be directed to Dr. Jo Latimore, MiCorps Director, Michigan State University – latimor1@msu.edu or (517) 432-1491.

Questions about State regulations can be directed to Mr. Tom Goniea, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Scientific Collection Permit Program Specialist – gonieat@michigan.gov or (517) 559-5734.

