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To Whom It May Concern,

On Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, volunteers for the Acid Rain Monitoring Project are conducting water sampling of lakes, ponds, rivers and streams throughout the state of Massachusetts. The Acid Rain Monitoring Project began at the University of Massachusetts Water Resources Research Center in 1983. The project's mission was initially to develop a comprehensive picture of the sensitivity of Massachusetts' surface waters to acid deposition, and later evolved to determine long-term trends in this sensitivity. Today, the project is still running strong, with 150 sites statewide and with the help of more than 80 volunteers.

Many of the sampling sites are accessed by the same volunteers year after year, and the volunteers are respectful and courteous. When the sampling site is in a municipal reservoir, protected or privately accessed area, an effort is made to contact the landowners/towns/watershed groups to request permission to access the area and to let folks know who will be coming on ARM Sunday to collect the water sample. If we did not have your contact information and you would like to know more about the project, please feel free to contact me at the Massachusetts Water Resources Research Center, and I apologize for any inconvenience or concern this may have caused.

Sincerely,

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