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Algal Bloom Detected in Defiance County Rivers

An algal bloom has been detected on the Maumee River and parts of the Auglaize River in Defiance County. A green film is present on the top of some parts of the rivers. At this time, it is unclear what the source of the algae is.

Some algal blooms do not cause health issues. Some algal blooms can be harmful and produce toxins that can cause health issues. At this time, we do not know if the algal bloom is one that produces toxins and can cause health issues.

Algal blooms that produce toxins may be present in river water at any time. Be alert and avoid water that:

- Looks like spilled paint
- Has surface scums, mats or films
- Is discolored or has colored streaks
- Has green globs floating below the surface

Testing is being completed to determine what type of algae is present. Results of testing are expected back Friday, July 29th and will be relayed when received. The Defiance drinking water supply is safe.

For more information on harmful algal blooms visit Ohio EPA's website at <http://epa.ohio.gov/habalgae.aspx> or DCGHD's website at www.defiancecohealth.org, Facebook: Defiance County Health Department or Twitter: @DCGHD

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