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Results Back on Algal Bloom Detected in Defiance County River

Testing completed on Maumee river water indicated the algae identified is not one that produces harmful Cyanotoxins. Testing completed for the presence of Cyanotoxins also confirmed no presence of these toxins.

“The algae that was identified is different from what we had in June. These algae are not capable of producing the Cyanotoxins,” relayed Ron Clinger, Defiance County General Health District’s Environmental Health Director. “Even though toxins are not present, we have placed general warning signs at access points on the Maumee River. These signs warn that algal blooms which produce toxins can, and may, be present in river water at any time.”

Signs posted have the message to **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

Algae can have the potential to cause skin irritation including rashes, hives and skin blisters. Avoid water that is suspicious for algae. Defiance drinking water remains safe.

For more information on harmful algal blooms visit Ohio EPA’s website at www.ohioalgaefinfo.com or DCGHD’s website at www.defiancecohealth.org, Facebook: Defiance County Health Department or Twitter: @DCGHD

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