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Algal Bloom Detected in Platter Creek

An algal bloom has been detected on Platter Creek in Defiance County. A green film is present on the top of some parts of the creek. At this time, it is unclear what the source of the algae is. Do not wade or drink the water and keep livestock and pets away from Platter Creek.

Some algal blooms do not cause health issues. Some algal blooms can be harmful and produce toxins and can cause health issues.

Algal blooms that produce toxins may be present in stream 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

The water will be tested to determine if toxins are present. Results of testing will be relayed when received. The Defiance drinking water supply is safe.

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

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