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Public health advisory lifted for Dexter Reservoir

The health advisory issued by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) in September for Dexter Reservoir has been lifted, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DHS announced today.

Recent water sampling confirms reduced levels of a species of blue-green algae that can produce toxins harmful to humans and animals. DHS advises people who recreate in Oregon reservoirs to always be alert for signs of algal blooms. People and their pets should avoid water contact if there are visible clumps of algae in the water.

For local information, contact the Corps' Willamette Valley Project park rangers at (541) 942-5631. For health information, contact DHS environmental health specialists at (971) 673-0444. Additional information on blue-green algae can be found on the DHS Web site at <http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/envtox/maadvisories.shtml>.

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