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Oregon Public Health Division lifts advisory for Dexter Reservoir *Reduced blue-green algae levels confirmed*

A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Dexter Reservoir, located 22 miles southeast of Eugene, was lifted today by Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division and Lane County Health Department officials.

The advisory went into effect August 19.

Water monitoring has confirmed reduced levels of blue-green algae that can produce toxins harmful to humans and animals.

These reduced levels are not likely to be associated with dangerous toxin concentrations in the water, according to World Health Organization guidelines.

Oregon health officials advise people who recreate in Oregon water bodies to always be alert to signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid water contact if there are visible clumps of algae in the water.

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For local information contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Willamette Valley Recreation Office, 541-942-5631.

For health information, contact the [Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance](#) program at 971-673-0400; also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767.

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