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Health advisory lifted for Devils Lake *Reduced blue-green algae levels confirmed*

The Oregon Health Authority has lifted a health advisory issued Aug. 1 for Devils Lake, located near Lincoln City in Lincoln County. High levels of blue-green algae and associated toxins in the lake prompted the advisory.

Water monitoring has confirmed reduced levels of blue-green algae and their toxins. These reduced levels are not likely to be harmful to humans and animals.

Oregon health officials advise people who use Oregon water bodies for recreation to always be alert to signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid contact if the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green, blue-green or brownish red in color, or if a thick mat of algae is visible in the water.

For local information about water quality or blue-green algae sampling, contact the Devils Lake Water Improvement District at 541-994-5330. For drinking water information, contact your local drinking water treatment facility.

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For health information, to report human or pet illnesses due to blooms, or if you have questions about a news release, contact the Oregon Health Authority at 971-673-0400. You may also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767 or visit www.healthoregon.org/hab for information regarding advisories issued or lifted for the season.

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