



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-08

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR MARION AND POLK COUNTIES DUE TO HAZARDOUS ALGAE BLOOMS

ORS 401.165 *et seq.* empowers the Governor to declare a state of emergency upon determining that an emergency has occurred or is imminent. Pursuant to that authority, I find that toxic algae blooms impacting Detroit Reservoir—the source of drinking water for the City of Salem, City of Turner, and several other water districts and associations—have created a threat to public safety. Low levels of cylindrospermopsin and microcystin (cyanotoxins) have been found in treated drinking water, creating a risk to segments of the population served by the City of Salem water system, including children under the age of six, pregnant women and nursing mothers, pets, and people with compromised immune systems, pre-existing liver conditions, or receiving dialysis treatment.

Pursuant to ORS 401.965, I find that this threat has created an abnormal disruption of the market, specifically related to the availability of bottled water in the impacted areas of Marion and Polk Counties beginning at 12:00 p.m. on May 29, 2018. Given this abnormal disruption of the market, a merchant or wholesaler may not sell or offer to sell essential consumer goods or services for an amount that represents an unconscionably excessive price during the time in which this declaration remains in effect.

State agencies are supporting city and county efforts to relieve this situation through water testing, public outreach, technical assistance, and coordination of any state resources that may be requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. Having found an emergency exists due to the ongoing threat posed by the hazardous algae bloom in Detroit Reservoir, I hereby declare a state of emergency for Marion and Polk Counties.
2. All state agencies, including the Oregon Military Department, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, will utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for any and all activities as requested



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and coordinated by the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. All citizens are to heed the requests, orders, and advice of emergency officials in order to protect their health and safety.

3. Persons who believe that they have been subjected to unconscionably excessive prices for bottled water or other essential consumer goods due to this disruption should report that conduct to the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection Division, which has the authority to investigate unlawful trade practices.
4. This order shall remain in effect for thirty days unless extended or terminated sooner.
5. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 9:41 a.m. on May 31, 2018.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 31st day of May, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Kate Brown in black ink.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Dennis Richardson in green ink.

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE