Date: June 27, 2018

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: David Emme, Manager
Drinking Water Services

RE: Notice of Temporary Rulemaking for OAR chapter 333, division 61 – "Cyanotoxin monitoring and testing at public drinking water systems"

The Oregon Health Authority (Authority), Public Health Division, Drinking Water Services section is adopting temporary administrative rules related to cyanotoxin monitoring and testing at public drinking water systems. The temporary cyanotoxin testing and monitoring rules require water suppliers, subject to regulation under OAR 333-061-0010, to monitor for the presence of cyanotoxins in drinking water at certain public water systems supplied by a surface water source or a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water, if that source is susceptible to harmful algal blooms or the release of cyanotoxins. Water suppliers must also notify the public of the presence of cyanotoxins in drinking water, report testing results to the Authority and issue health advisories when cyanotoxin advisory levels are exceeded.

These rules are effective July 1, 2018 through December 27, 2018. These rules will be in effect through the 2018 algae season. The Authority intends to develop permanent cyanotoxin rules through the permanent rulemaking process by the time the temporary rules expire.

For more details, please see the Certificate and Order for Filing, Statement of Need and Justification, and the full text of the temporary rules at the following website: https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/RULES/Pages/index.aspx. If you have any questions or would prefer a hardcopy to be sent, please contact Brad Daniels at (971) 673-0407 or bradley.k.daniels@state.or.us.