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

A health advisory for Blue Lake, located just outside Wood Village north of Interstate 84 in Multnomah County, was lifted today by the Oregon Health Authority. The advisory was issued Sept. 9 because of visual observation of scum on the lake. Water monitoring has confirmed the bloom has disappeared and toxins were not detected.

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 mat of algae is visible in the water.

For local information, contact Metro Parks at 503-665-4995, extension 0. For health information, contact the Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance (HABS) program at 971-673-0400.

To find out if an advisory has been issued or lifted for a specific water body, visit www.healthoregon.org/hab and select "Algae Bloom Advisories." You can also contact the Oregon Public Health Division toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767.

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