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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 Aug. 6 because of visual observation of scum on the lake.

Water monitoring has confirmed the blue-green algae cells present in the lake are below health advisory guideline values for the cyanotoxins they can produce, and the bloom has disappeared.

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.

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The HABS program maintains a current list of all health advisories on its website. To find out if an advisory has been issued or lifted for a specific water body, visit <http://www.healthoregon.org/hab> and select “Check current water conditions.” You can also contact the Oregon Public Health Division toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767.

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