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Public health advisory lifted for Siltcoos Lake

A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Siltcoos Lake was lifted today by Dunes City, the Lane County Health Department and the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS).

The advisory went into effect Oct. 28, 2008.

Water sampling has confirmed reduced levels of blue-green algae that can produce toxins harmful to humans and animals.

These reduced levels are not likely to be associated with dangerous toxin concentrations in the water, according to World Health Organization guidelines.

DHS advises people who recreate in Oregon water bodies to always be alert for signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid water contact if visible clumps of algae are present in the water.

For local information, contact Dunes City at 541-997-3338 or the South Coast Water District at 541-997-8011. For health information contact Laura Boswell, DHS at 971-673-0438 or the Lane County Health Department at 541-682-4480. For more information on harmful algae blooms please visit <http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/envtox/maadvisories.shtml>.