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BLUE-GREEN ALGAE ADVISORY LIFTED FOR HELLS CANYON

Southwest District Health issued a Health Advisory on July 29, 2016, regarding the presence of high concentrations of toxin-producing blue-green algae in a portion of the Snake River in Adams County—from 10 miles north of Oxbow to the Hells Canyon Dam.

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) officials have confirmed that blue-green algae levels in this area have returned to normal and toxin levels are below the safety threshold. Therefore, the Health District in conjunction with DEQ, has lifted the Health Advisory at this time.

For more information about harmful algal blooms, visit DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/blue-green-algae/>.

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