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## **Health Advisory Lifted For Mormon Reservoir**

CAMAS COUNTY - The South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are lifting the public health advisory for Mormon Reservoir after recent testing showed micro-toxins are now at safe levels in the water.

SCPHD Public Health Program Manager Josh Jensen said, “Even though the health advisory is lifted, water users should still be observant and take precautions in and around areas where algal blooms are still present.”

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) are not unusual in warm summer months and typically shrink quickly in the mid to late fall as the water temperature drops. The DEQ will continue to monitor water quality and SCPHD will alert the public if the DEQ finds any other harmful algal blooms in south central Idaho.

In the meantime, the public is advised to avoid drinking any water with a blue-green algae bloom. Neither boiling nor disinfecting removes blue-green algae toxins from water.

More information is available at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/blue-green-algae/>