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Health Advisory Lifted for Lake Cascade

Valley County — Central District Health (CDH) and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have lifted a health advisory for Lake Cascade that was issued September 6, 2019 due to a harmful algal bloom (HAB). After regular monitoring, and water sample collection and testing, DEQ confirmed levels have returned to normal and toxin levels are below the safety threshold.

Despite colder temperatures, many health advisories remain in place for water bodies throughout the state, including Little Camas and Mountain Home Reservoirs in Elmore County, and Indian Creek and Blacks Creek Reservoirs located in Ada County. DEQ continues to monitor these water bodies for potential harmful algal bloom die offs.

CDH and DEQ advise water users to be cautious in and around areas where a bloom may still be visible — always use caution around water bodies with visible slime, surface scum, or a foul odor. High concentrations of toxin-producing cyanobacteria may cause illness to both humans and animals.

You can help by reporting suspicious looking water to DEQ by phone, email, or with the *bloomWatch* app. Information on how to report suspicious surface water, and a list and map of current health advisories in Idaho is available at <https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/recreation-health-advisories/cyanobacteria-harmful-algal-blooms/>.

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