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Health Advisory for Blue-green Algae is No Longer in Effect

Hastings and Prince Edward Counties/ October 23, 2009 - The health advisory regarding blue-green algae blooms in the Bay of Quinte, from Carrying Place to the Skyway Bridge at Highway 49, has been lifted. Laboratory testing, aerial viewing, and boat assisted monitoring have confirmed the majority of blooms have dissipated and toxin levels are below drinking water limits.

Blue-green algae occur worldwide in shallow, warm, slow-moving or still water. Certain species produce toxins that are released into the water when the cells rupture or die. Therefore, all residents who use lake or river water should be vigilant, now and in the future, and if visible blooms are present:

- Seek an alternate source of water for drinking, bathing or showering.
- Do not allow children, pets, or livestock to swim in, or drink, the water.
- Do not use for cooking.
- Boiling, chlorination and ultra-violet treatments will not protect against the toxins.
- Water from municipal systems is safe to use for all purposes.
- If you have been in direct contact with water from an affected area and are experiencing headaches, fever, diarrhea, abdominal pain, nausea or vomiting contact a physician.

For more information on blue-green algae please contact the Environmental Health Department at 613-966-5500.