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HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM ADVISORY NEAR LAKE ALMA

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment's (E&E) Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued a Harmful Algal Bloom Advisory for a stream by Waterfall Trail East of Lake Alma (coordinates 35.507114, -94.216947) in Crawford County.

The public is advised to avoid contact with the stream in the affected area. Cyanobacteria (organisms that make up a harmful algal bloom) have been visually confirmed and supported by preliminary testing. Harmful algal blooms may produce toxic substances which could result in headaches, weakness, shortness of breath, muscle spasms, and gastrointestinal illnesses.

Be especially cautious of exposure in children, pets, and livestock. Wash animals off with clean tap water if exposure occurs and avoid letting them ingest toxins when cleaning their coats. DEQ is monitoring the water quality and will lift the advisory when the bloom dissipates.

If you suspect a harmful algal bloom, avoid contact with the water and report it. Contact DEQ at ee.habs@arkansas.gov or call 501.682.0744. More information can be found on DEQ's website: <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/planning/hab/>.

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