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**HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM ADVISORY LIFTED FOR LAKE SOPHIA**

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** – The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment’s Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has lifted the Harmful Algal Bloom Advisory for Lake Sophia in Hot Springs Village, Ark., within Saline and Garland counties based on water samples collected over the past two weeks. Results confirmed the toxin level has dissipated and is now within safe recreational levels.

If you suspect a harmful algal bloom, avoid contact with the water and report it. Contact DEQ at [ee.habs@arkansas.gov](mailto: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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