



Avoid contact. Protect children, pets, and livestock. Report concerns immediately.

ACTIVE HAB ADVISORIES



If you see a harmful algal bloom (HAB) advisory sign, stay out of the water until the advisory is lifted. Scan the QR code for a map of current advisories and more information about HABs.



HOW TO RECOGNIZE A POSSIBLE HAB

Water with a HAB may:

- Smell earthy or musty
- Look discolored (often green or blue)
- Have scum or paint-like streaks on the surface
- Contain dead fish or other animals

When in doubt, stay out.

HEALTH RISKS

Freshwater HABs are often caused by cyanobacteria (blue green algae). Some produce **cyanotoxins**, which can cause:

- Headache
- Nausea
- Fever
- Skin rash
- Severe cases: **kidney or liver damage**

Animals are especially susceptible. Keep pets and livestock away from suspected HABs. Do not let them drink discolored water or eat dried algae.

WHAT TO DO

- Avoid contact with the water
- Keep children, pets, and livestock away
- Report suspected HABs
- Include multiple photos when possible

CONTACT INFORMATION

REPORT A POSSIBLE HAB

Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment,
Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
t: 501.682.0744 | e: ee.habs@arkansas.gov
<https://adeq.state.ar.us/complaints/>

REPORT POSSIBLE ILLNESS

Arkansas Department of Health
t: 501.280.4168

HAB SAMPLING ON PRIVATELY ACCESSIBLE WATERBODIES

DEQ prioritizes sampling on **publicly accessible waterbodies** but provides technical guidance for all suspected HABs in Arkansas. All photos by DEQ.

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