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Harmful algal blooms recreation advisory issued for Ohio River, tributaries

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 4, 2015) – The Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) and the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) have issued a harmful algal bloom (HAB) recreational advisory for the Ohio River, including tributary confluences from Meldahl Dam to the West Virginia state line. This advisory includes the tributary confluences of the Little Sandy River, Tygarts Creek, Kinniconick Creek and Salt Lick Creek.

Water swallowed during recreational activities in this body of water may increase the risk of gastrointestinal symptoms such as stomach pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Skin, eye and throat irritation and/or breathing difficulties may also occur after contact.

On Aug. 31, KDOW received a report of algal blooms on the Ohio River from Ashland to

Maysville and at the confluence of the Little Sandy River and the Ohio River.

On Sept. 1, KDOW collected water samples in the Ohio River near Ashland, Ky. to Vanceburg, Ky., including samples at the Maysville, Russell, Ashland and Greenup public water system intakes (including both raw water entering the plant and finished, treated water leaving the plant). Additional samples were taken on Sept. 2 in the Ohio and Little Sandy rivers and at the public water supply intakes. Results from these efforts indicate HAB toxin concentrations at higher levels than those recommended for human contact. In light of these results, KDOW and...[Continue reading](#)

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- [43332BR](#) – ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST I – (09/13/15)
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