


Sears Park Cyanobacteria Visual Monitoring 8.12.22

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached observation report:

Visual observations for Cyanobacteria were taken at Sears Park and adjacent property this afternoon (see images in the report document). Conditions remain somewhat stable this week. No green surface scums or mats were present at the public swim area or adjacent properties, nor was the water green throughout, but clarity was worse, and some brown scums were observed in the properties adjacent to Sears Park. The brown scums may indicate a rapid die-off of both cyanobacteria and other algae species from the copper sulfate treatment. Chatham Health District is seeking input from Northeast Aquatics Research (NEAR) regarding this observation.

While we await comment from NEAR, the current advisory will remain in place. Conditions continue to exist that may result in a harmful scum-forming algae bloom in the public swim area of Sears Park.

The public swim area at Sears Park remains OPEN for swimming but a “Swim-at-your-own-risk” advisory notice remains in place.

Residents should avoid contact with water that looks green or blue-green throughout (sometimes described as looking like pea soup). Any mats, films, or scums on the surface of the water that are blue-green in color, look like spilled paint, or have a noxious odor should be reported to Chatham Health District and avoided.

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