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RE: Recent Microcystin toxin strip test results.

Dear John Holter,

PHMC staff tested Wolf Lake at Sunset beach on 8/13/2024 and 8/14/2024 with toxin strips and found it to be >10 parts per billion on the 13<sup>th</sup> and non-detect on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Algae blooms may have sustained events; however, sampling can vary throughout the season. Water samples were also taken and will be sent to the Bureau of Labs in Lansing for analysis. However, results can take up to two or three weeks to receive.

It is our recommendation that Sunset beach be posted with informational signs concerning HABs for the entire high-use season. Per your request, PHMC staff posted it today. MDHHS has recently created some HABs social media templates to be used by communities with these challenges (see attachment). Feel free to use any or all for your social platforms. We plan to continue to monitor the situation for changes.

Sincerely,

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Cc: MICHAP Summer Resource Packet – 05082024 Attachment: example of HAB informational sign (posting)