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Toxins Detected in the City of Auburn's Raw Water

Results from samples collected on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 from the City of Auburn's raw water have been received today (10/03/2018) and reveal toxin levels of 1.2 micrograms per liter associated with harmful algal blooms in the raw (untreated) water entering the City of Auburn's treatment plant from Owasco Lake. This is the highest level of toxins detected in the raw (untreated) water so far this season.

Kathleen Cuddy, Public Health Director states, "Although this was the highest detection in the raw water so far this season, the treatment system at the City of Auburn continues to successfully remove the toxins. **No toxins were detected in the samples taken of the treated drinking water.**"

The City of Auburn provides drinking water to residents in the City of Auburn, the Towns of Aurelius, Fleming Water District 6, Throop, Mentz, Brutus, Montezuma, Sennett, Springport Water District 2, and the Villages of Port Byron, Weedsport, and Cayuga.

The Town of Owasco also uses Owasco Lake water for drinking water purposes. Results from samples collected from their water filtration plant on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 of both the raw (untreated) water and the treated drinking water were also received today (10/03/2018) and no toxins were detected in either sample.

It is important to note that the City of Auburn and Town of Owasco have two separate intake pipes located in two different spots of Owasco Lake.

The Health Department will continue to sample and monitor the water. Sample results can be found by clicking on the Harmful Algal Blooms tab on our homepage at www.cayugacounty.us/health. If you have any further questions, please call the Cayuga County Health Department at 315-253-1560.
