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Low Levels of Toxins Detected in The City of Auburn's Raw Water

Results from samples collected on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from the City of Auburn's raw water have been received and reveal low levels of toxins associated with harmful algal blooms in the raw (untreated) water entering the City of Auburn's treatment plant from Owasco Lake. The treatment system at the City of Auburn successfully removed the toxins and **no toxins were detected in the samples taken of the treated drinking water.**

- Low levels of toxins are being referred to as such a small amount of toxins that the laboratory could detect them, but could not give a numeric value.
- 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 on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 of both the raw (untreated) water and the treated drinking water have been received 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. As a reminder, the City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco have been sampling and monitoring their drinking water for harmful algal blooms since early August and will continue to do so.

If you have any questions, please call the Health Department at 315-253-1560.
