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Levels of Toxins Detected in the Town of Owasco's Raw Water

Results from samples collected on Monday, October 1, 2018 from the Town of Owasco's raw water have been received this afternoon (10/02/2018) and reveal toxin levels of 0.35 micrograms per liter associated with harmful algal blooms in the raw (untreated) water entering the Town of Owasco's treatment plant from Owasco Lake. The treatment system at the Town of Owasco continues to successfully remove the toxins and **NO toxins were detected in the samples taken of the treated drinking water.**

The Town of Owasco provides water to Town of Owasco residents and the Town of Fleming Water District 1.

The City of Auburn also uses Owasco Lake water for drinking water purposes. Results from samples collected from their water filtration plant on Monday, October 1, 2018 of both the raw (untreated) water and the treated drinking water were also received this afternoon (10/02/2018) and no toxins were detected in either sample.

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

Since the end of August, the Cayuga County Health Department has been sampling and monitoring the drinking water for the City of Auburn and Town of Owasco two days per week.

As of last week, the frequency of sampling has been expanded to three days per week. Sample results can be found by clicking on the Harmful Algal Blooms tab on our homepage at www.cayugacounty.us/health.

Should there be further changes in conditions, the Health Department will notify and update the public.

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