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Harmful Algal Bloom Advisory Lifted for Lake Hamilton

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment's Division of Environmental Quality has lifted the Harmful Algal Bloom Advisory for Lake Hamilton near the Little Mazarn Creek based on water samples collected over the past two weeks. Results confirmed the toxin level has dissipated and is now within safe recreational levels.

The advisory was issued for the area on July 15, 2020, after results exceeded the recommended criteria and was in place while weekly water samples remained elevated. Citizens using the lake are encouraged to use caution and avoid areas where water has a spilled paint-like appearance or is especially green.

If you suspect a HAB, avoid contact with the water and report it. Contact DEQ at habs@adeq.state.ar.us or call 501.682.0744. More information can be found on DEQ's website: <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/pdfs/HAB-ResponsePlan-Manual-bookmarks-2019-12-12-Final.pdf>.

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