

Sutton, Kaitlyn

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Subject: Karenia brevis microcystin

My family and I moved to florida from New Jersey six years ago. On New Jersey we lived on a small pond "Lake Winnonna". The pond was completely surrounded by homes with septic tanks. In the 20 years we lived there we saw the excessive growth of algae decrease both our ability to use the lake for swimming, and our property values. What happened there seems to be happening here. We live on salt flats in Spring Hill (3299 Fremont lane). When we bought our home it regrettably came with a septic system. Mandating the use of city sewers for communities like mine might be something worth considering. Please let me be clear, I believe our algae problem most likely has both natural cyclical and man made causes. I don't endorse knee jerk responses meant to placate the sheeple but thought that septic as well as agricultural runoff might be worth scientific consideration.

On a personal note, I'm 58 and have had chronic persistent asthma since I was 50. I don't think we have yet had a k. brevis problem close enough to my home to effect me, but am concerned that an occurrence is inevitable. When this happens I will most likely need to leave the area until it is safe to return.

I have been interested in the environment since I was a child. If you would like any additional information, or if there is some way for me to volunteer please contact via email.

Thank you for both your efforts to correct this problem, and the time to read my email.

Sincerely,
C. Allen Walker