

Sutton, Kaitlyn

From: Catherine Martinez <catherine.k.martinez@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 8:59 PM
To: Sutton, Kaitlyn
Subject: TOXIC ALGAE WATER QUALITY LIMITS

Dear Ms. Sutton,

According to a recent story published by WLRN.org, your agency is currently accepting public comments regarding water quality limits for toxic algae. I am writing to strongly support the establishment of such standards.

This summer, a local drinking water source, Lake Washington in Melbourne, experienced an algae bloom that apparently went undetected, unmeasured, and untreated until complaints from local residents about taste, odor, and health concerns.

Water used for irrigation must to be monitored as well because the toxins from cyanobacteria have been found to survive treatment and are present in foods irrigated with such water.

Without limits and consistent measurement, we cannot be sure that toxic algae will be detected and treated effectively to avoid significant impacts to public health.

Please implement clear water quality limits for toxic algae in Florida.

Sincerely,

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