

Memorandum

To: Ms. Colleen Conover, Lake Hopatcong Commission

From: Michael Hartshorne, Princeton Hydro

CC: Fred Lubnow, Ph.D., Princeton Hydro

RE: 24 July 2018 - Cyanotoxin Testing - Lake Hopatcong

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Princeton Hydro conducted the first of two cyanobacteria / cyanotoxin testing events at Lake Hopatcong on 24 July 2018. The data collected as part of this effort are provided below.

Methodology

Princeton Hydro sampled at ten stations on 24 July 2018. At each station, plankton grab samples were collected, preserved with Lugol's and the plankton community identified to genus by Princeton Hydro. In addition, at each site, samples were collected in glass vials and analyzed the same day for the cyanotoxins Microcystin and Cylindrospermopsin utilizing ELISA based test kits from Abraxis. In addition, in-situ monitoring at each station was conducted utilizing a Hach MS5 water quality meter which was calibrated prior to use. Please note, the meter malfunctioned in the field following data collection at B1 and B2. The locations of the sample stations are listed in the table below (Table 1). A map depicting these stations will be provided shortly.

Table 1: Sampling Locations

Sampling Loca	ntions - 24 J	luly 2018
Station	Lat	Long
B1	40.9703	-74.6092
B2	40.9604	-74.6308
В3	40.9428	-74.6584
B4	40.9410	-74.6598
B5	40.9292	-74.6392
B6	40.9171	-74.6626
B7	40.9165	-74.6620
B8	40.9375	-74.6421
В9	40.9622	-74.6130
B10	40.9635	-74.6176











Results

The results of the sampling effort are listed in the following tables (Tables 2 through 5).

Table 2: Cyanotoxin Data

Cyanoto	xin Results -	24 July 2018
Station	Microcystin	Cylindrospermopsin
B1	negative	negative
B2	negative	negative
В3	negative	negative
B4	negative	negative
B5	negative	< 0.5 ppb
B6	negative	negative
B7	negative	negative
B8	negative	negative
B9	negative	negative
B10	< 1 ppb	negative
Draft EPA Criteria for Recreation	4 ppb	8 ppb

Table 3: In-situ Data

		Lake	Hopatcong	z - 24 July 2	2018 - Cyan	otoxin Mo	nitoring - <i>In-situ</i> Data
	Secchi	Temp	SpC	DO	DO%	рН	Notes
	(m)	(°C)	(mS/cm)	(mg/L)	(%)	(units)	Notes
B1	1.0	24.71	0.435	7.71	92.9	7.65	Light brown tint to water
B2	1.3	24.78	0.476	7.63	92.0	7.60	Tapegrass and slender naiad observed
В3	1.0						Mat algae present, greenish water coloration
B4	0.8						Benthic algae present
B5	1.4	14/				ام	Clear
В6	N/A	VV	ater quality	meter ma	airunctione	ea.	Clear
B7	N/A						Clear but some tapegrass floaters
B8	2.0						Clear

Table 4: Plankton Data (1 of 2)

Sampling Location: Lake Hopatcong	n: Lake F	lopatcon	σœ			Sampling Date: 7/24/18 Examin	1/18						tion Date: 8/2/18	8			
Phytoplankton (cells/mL)	cells/mL)																
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Melosira	3,669	2,211	684	365		Golenkinia	175		86		Ţ	Aphanizomenon	6,946	16,884	2,053		8,947
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Fragilaria	874		10,606		2,663	2,663 Scendesmus	1,398		342		_	Gloeocapsa	6,464	3,618			1,811
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Total Phytoplankton (cells/mL)	221,698 41,607	41,607	26,345	3,287	30,145												
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Table 5: Plankton Data (2 of 2)

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Overall, the plankton communities were generally diverse with a mixture of diatoms, cryptomonads, greens and blue-greens. Cyanobacteria cell counts ranged from a minimum of 113 cells/mL at B9 to a maximum of 193,396 cells/mL at B1 which showed a large density of the very small celled *Aphanocapsa*. The nuisance producing *Aphanizomenon* and *Anabaena* were present at all stations with the exception of B9. These genera were particularly abundant at B1, B2, B6, B8 and B10.

Microcystis were negative at all stations with the exception of B10 which showed a concentration of < 1 μ g/L. This value is well below the draft recreational threshold of 4 μ g/L set by the US EPA. Cylindrospermopsin was negative at all stations with the exception of a value of < 0.5 μ g/L at B5 which is well below the draft criteria of 8 μ g/L.

Thank you for your review of this brief summary. Please feel free to contact me or Dr. Fred Lubnow with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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