

Water Quality Perspectives on Inland Harmful Algal Blooms

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Are Harmful Algal Blooms Becoming the Greatest Threat to Water Quality?



Why Global Horizon Scanning?

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Which are the environmental variables that trigger the production of algal toxins in the environment?
Does exposure through trophic levels threaten human health?

What Challenges are Facing Environmental Public Health Professionals in US Health Departments?

Commentary

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Environmental Health Practice Challenges and Research Needs for U.S. Health Departments

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Brooks et al 2019 *EHP*; Gerding et al 2020 *AJPH*
<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/uncover-eh/index.html>



Salinization PFAS
Bisphenol A Neonicotinoids Copper
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Pyrethroids Cadmium
E. coli Atrazine Lead
Endocrine Disruptors PCBs
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A Principle of Water Quality



“You only find what you are looking for and you only find it if it is in concentrations high enough to be detected by the method being used to analyze for it.”

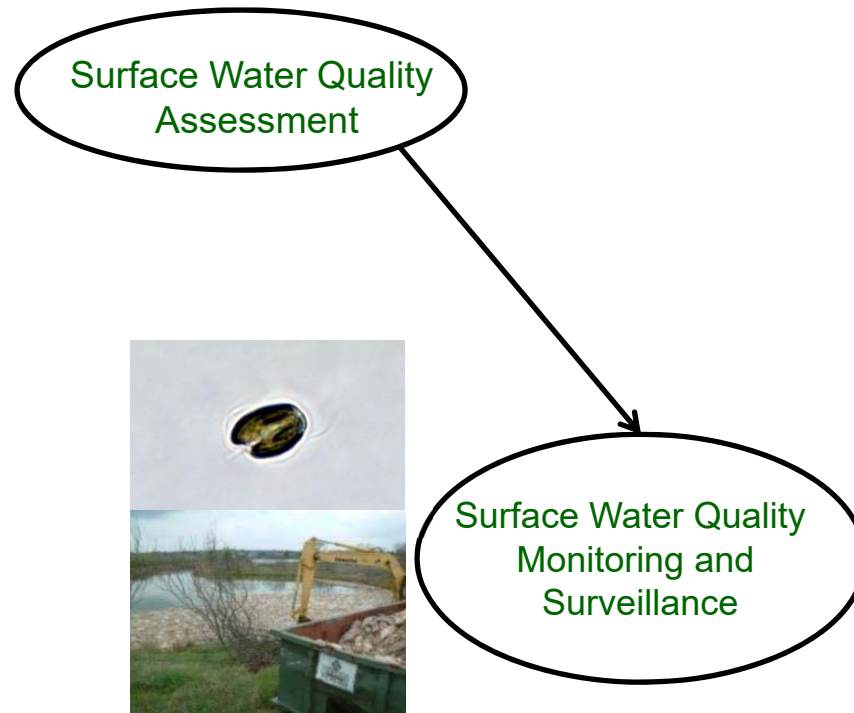
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How to Protect and Restore Water Quality?

Surface Water Quality
Assessment



How to Protect and Restore Water Quality?



Exposure, Exposure, Exposure...

100s of Reservoirs?



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Recreational waters?

- Swimming, toxin exposure?
- Fishing, food safety?

Agriculture use?

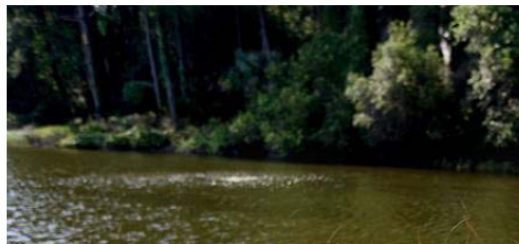
- Toxins in crops?
- Toxins in aquaculture?

10000s of Stormwater Ponds, Oxbow Lakes?

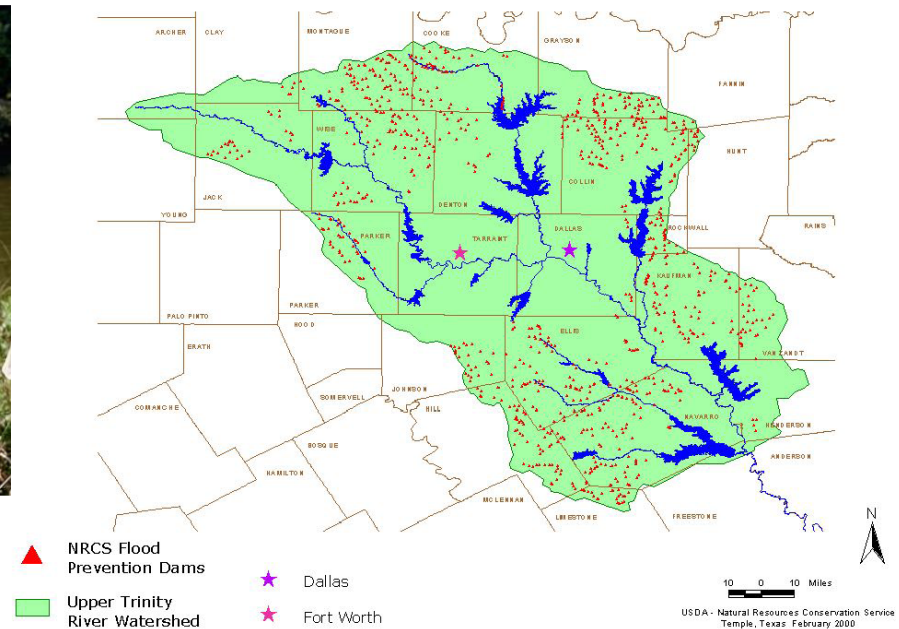


Stormwater Ponds in South Carolina—Challenge

Proliferating stormwater ponds focus of several S.C. Sea Grant Consortium



USDA - NRCS Dams in the Upper Trinity River Watershed



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Instrument: Agilent 6420 Triple Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer

- Isotope dilution LC/MSMS

Multiple Reaction Monitoring (MRM) Transitions

- Identified by Optimizer software (Agilent)

Separation

- Hydrophilic Interaction Chromatography (HILIC)
 - Agilent Poroshell HILIC-Z
 - Anatoxin – a
 - Cylindrospermopsin
 - Saxitoxin
- Reverse Phase Liquid Chromatography (RPLC)
 - Agilent Poroshell SB-C18
 - Microcystins (5)
 - Nodularin



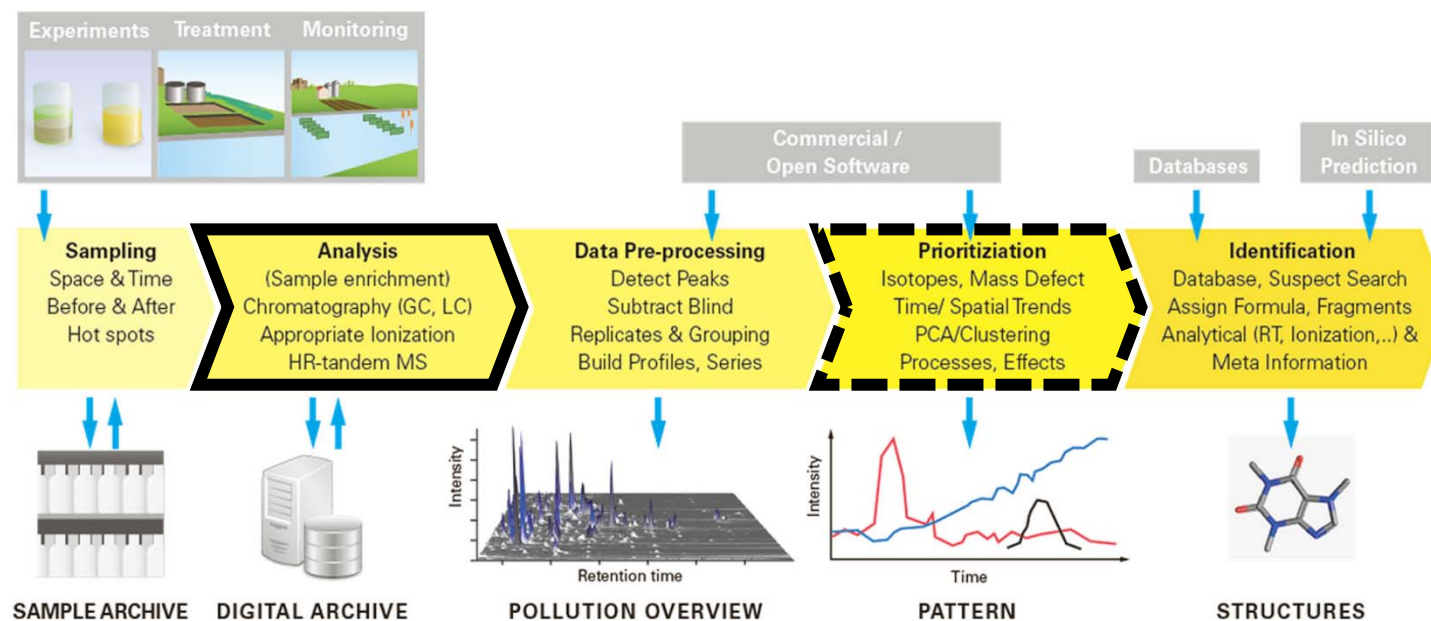
Water Extraction Recovery

Analyte	Water	
	Percent Recovery (mean \pm CV)	MDL (ng/L)
Anatoxin-a	97 \pm 1.2	0.08
Cylindrospermopsin	90 \pm 2.6	0.43
Saxitoxin	53 \pm 2.7	0.22
M-LA	92 \pm 3.4	0.6
M-LR	94 \pm 2.4	0.83
M-LY	96 \pm 9.9	0.38
M-RR	92 \pm 2.3	0.91
M-YR	104 \pm 9.9	0.8
Nodularin	99 \pm 3.5	0.96

Recovery n=3

Method Detection Limits (MDL) n=8

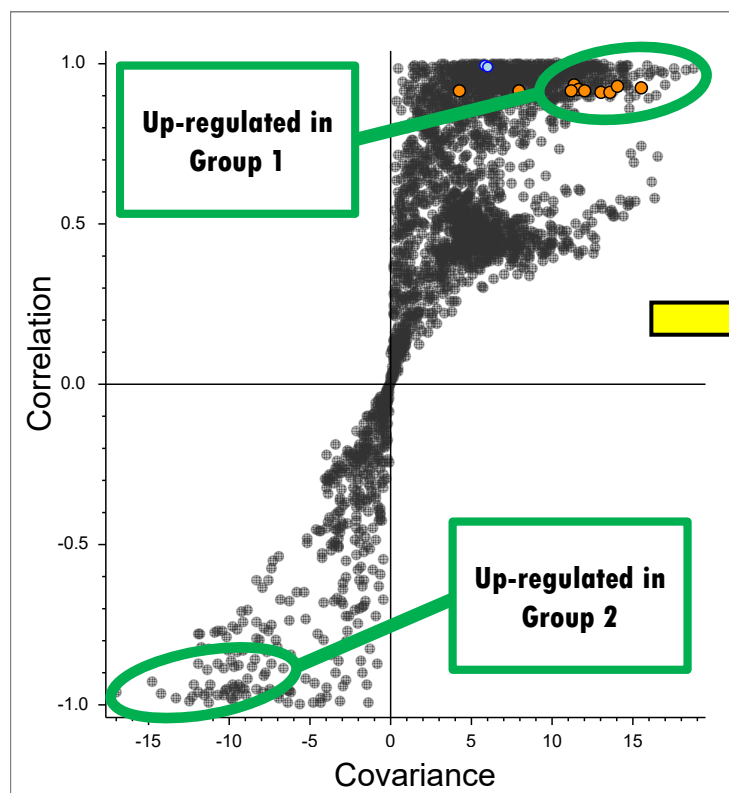
Overview of Non-Target Analysis Workflow



Hollender, J. et al. *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, 2017, 51, 11505–11512

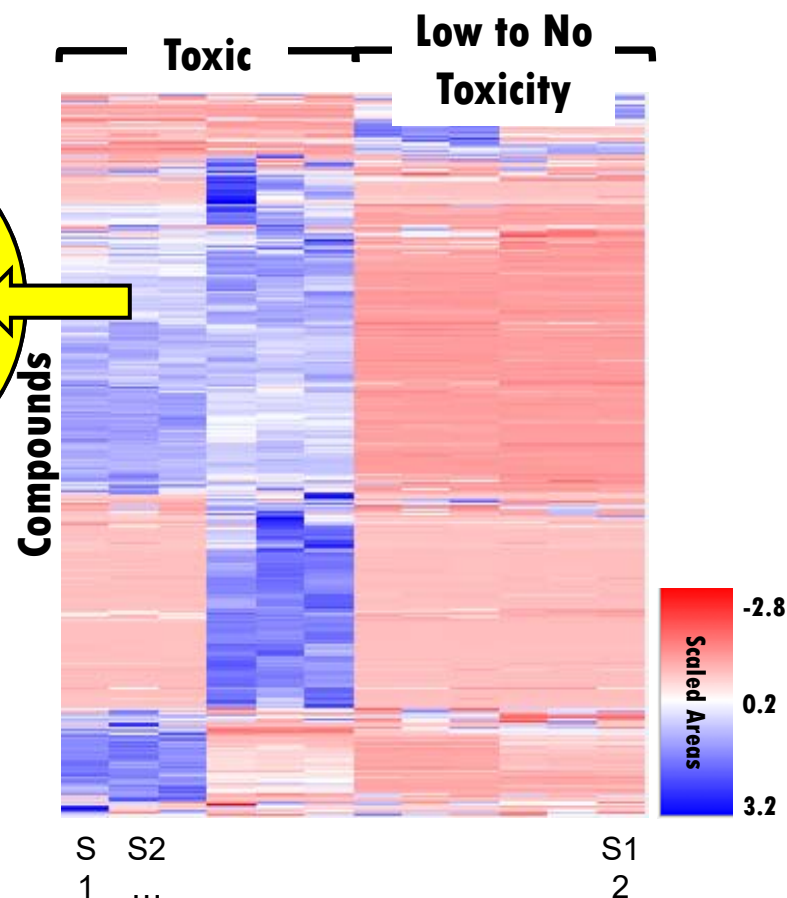
Visualizing Differences Between Groups

S-Plot



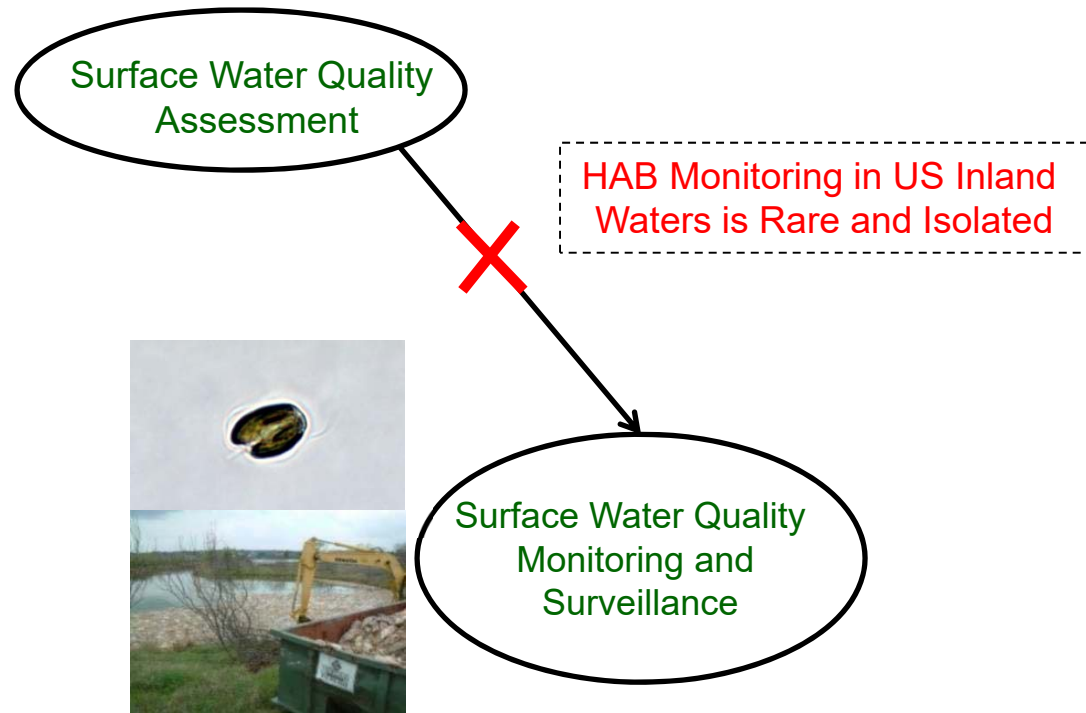
*Each dot represents an unknown compound/peak detected through non-targeted analysis and software algorithms

Hierarchical Clustering



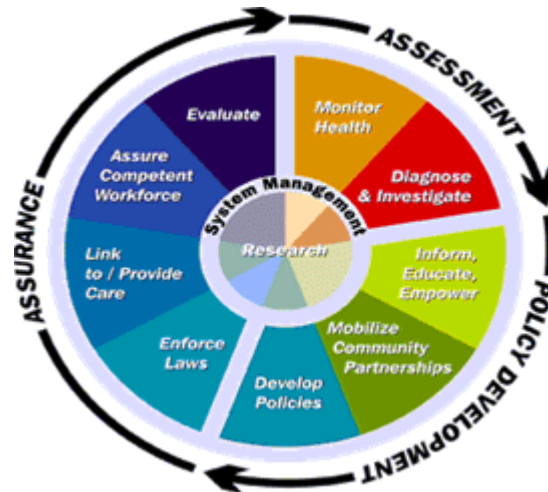
Prioritize a subset of compounds to identify

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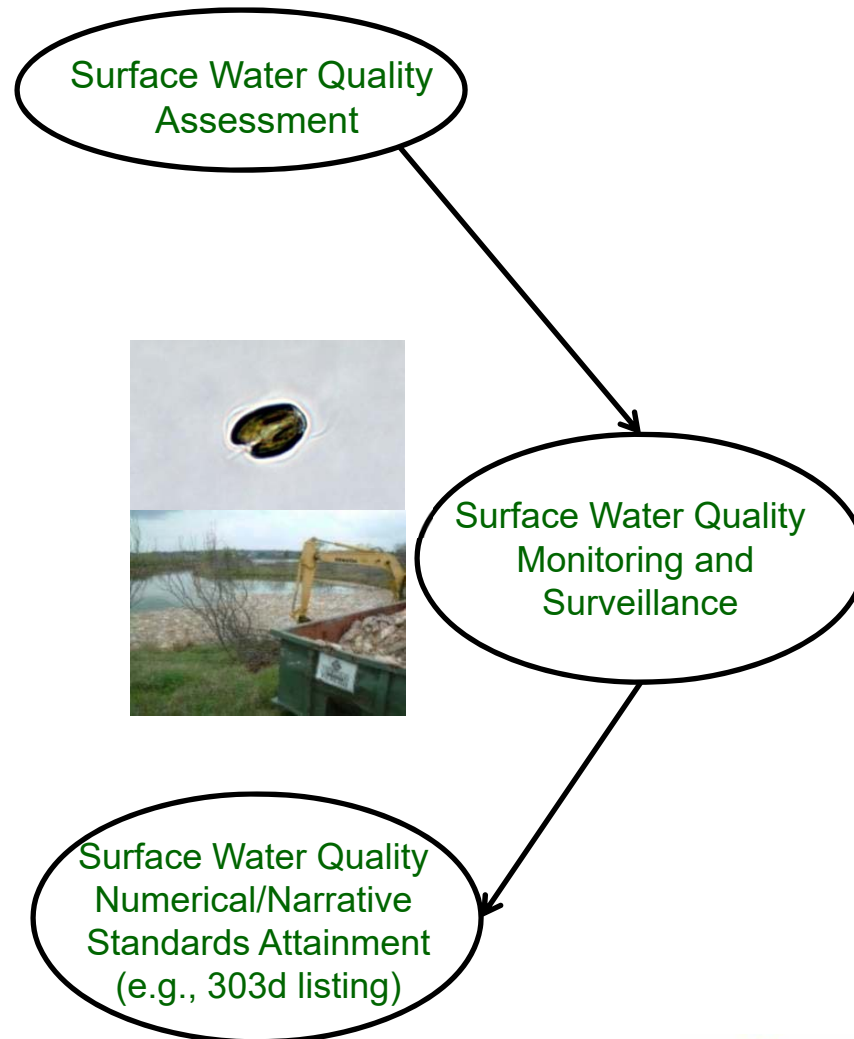


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Monitor
Diagnose and investigate
Inform, educate, and empower
Mobilize
Develop policies and plans
Enforce
Link
Assure
Evaluate
Research



How to Protect and Restore Water Quality?



So, What *is* Water Quality?

Water Quality in the USA: Criteria and Standards

- I. Section 304(a) of the Clean Water Act in the USA requires the EPA to publish and periodically update ambient water quality criteria (WQC).

Criteria (EPA)

Recommended and estimated concentrations of contaminants, based on current scientific information that, if not exceeded, are considered protective for organisms or a defined use of a water body (e.g., fishing, swimming, potable water supply).

- II. Water quality standards (WQS) are the foundation of the water quality-based control program mandated by the Clean Water Act (CWA).

Standards (States, Tribes)

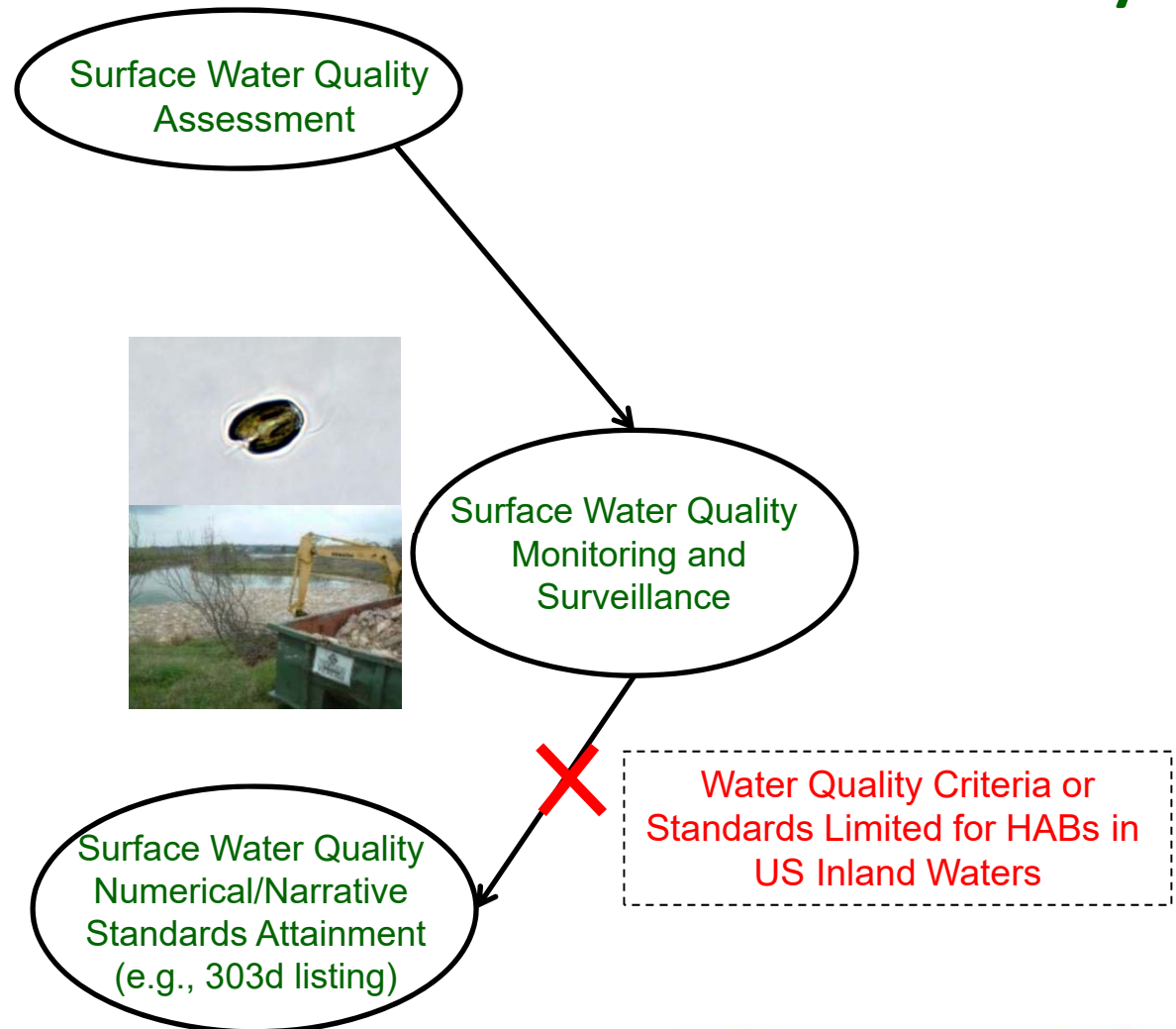
Legal limits permitted by each state for a specific water body and thought to be sufficient to protect that water body. WQS can also be narrative standards, such as “Free from toxic substances in toxic amounts.”



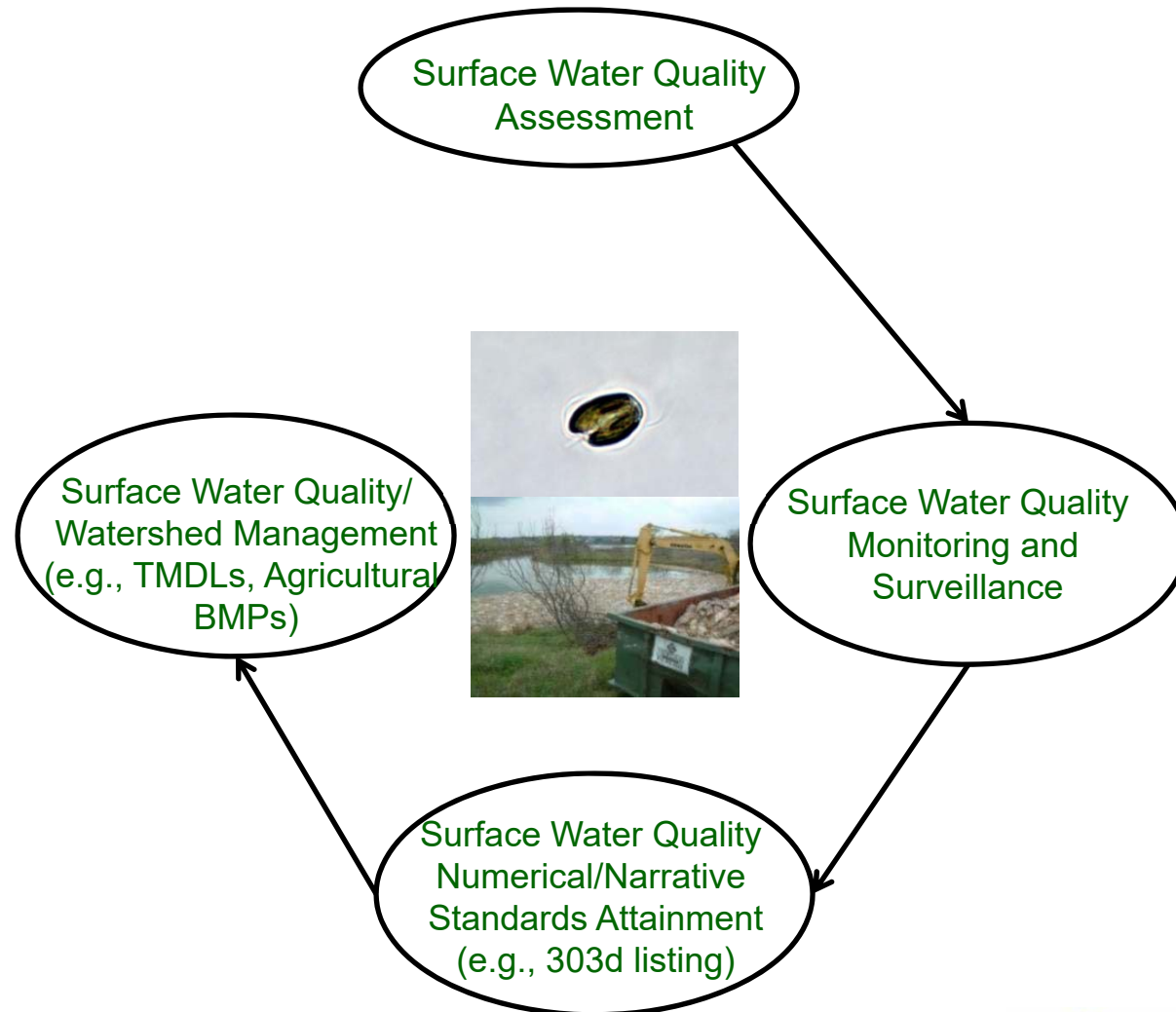
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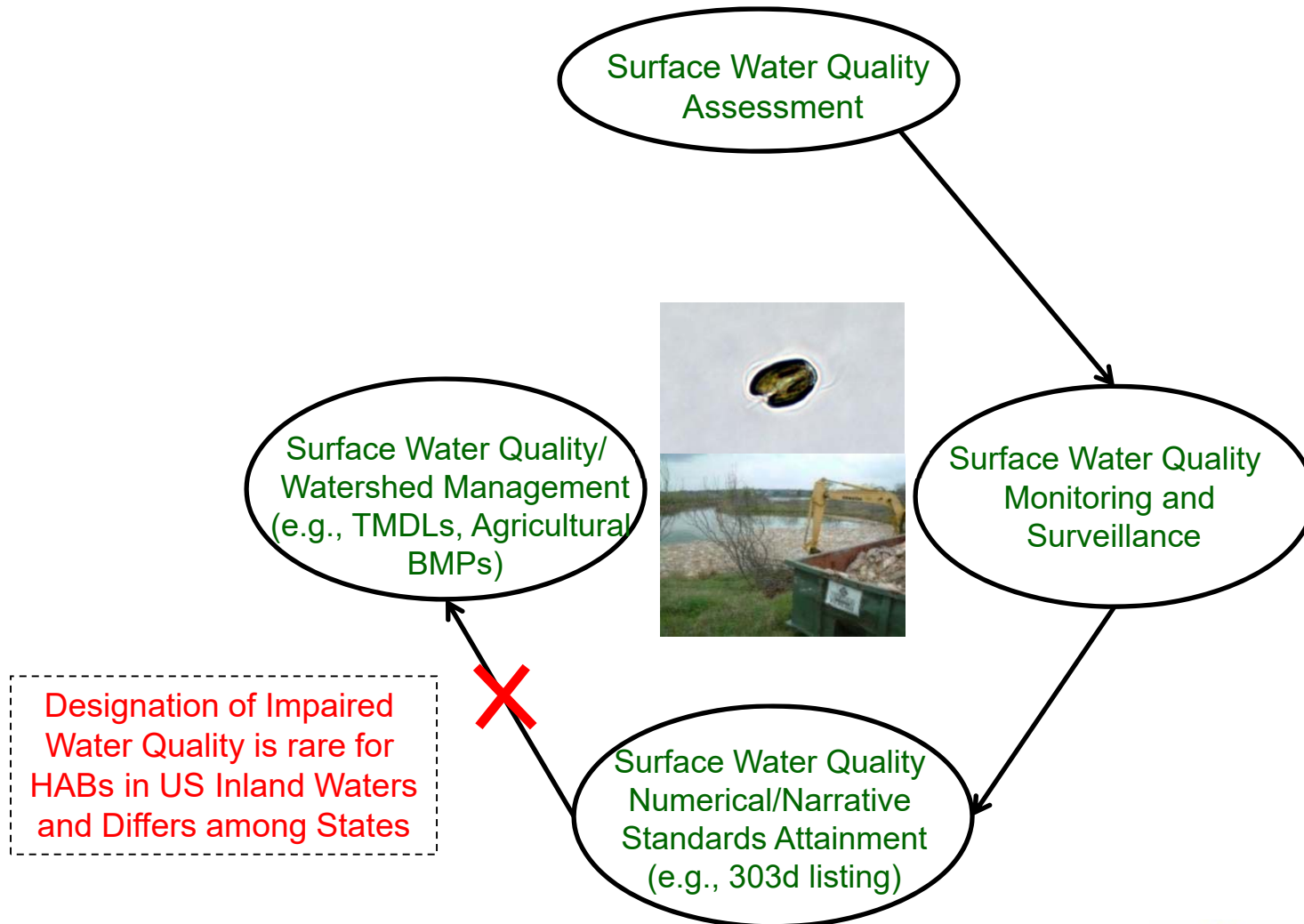
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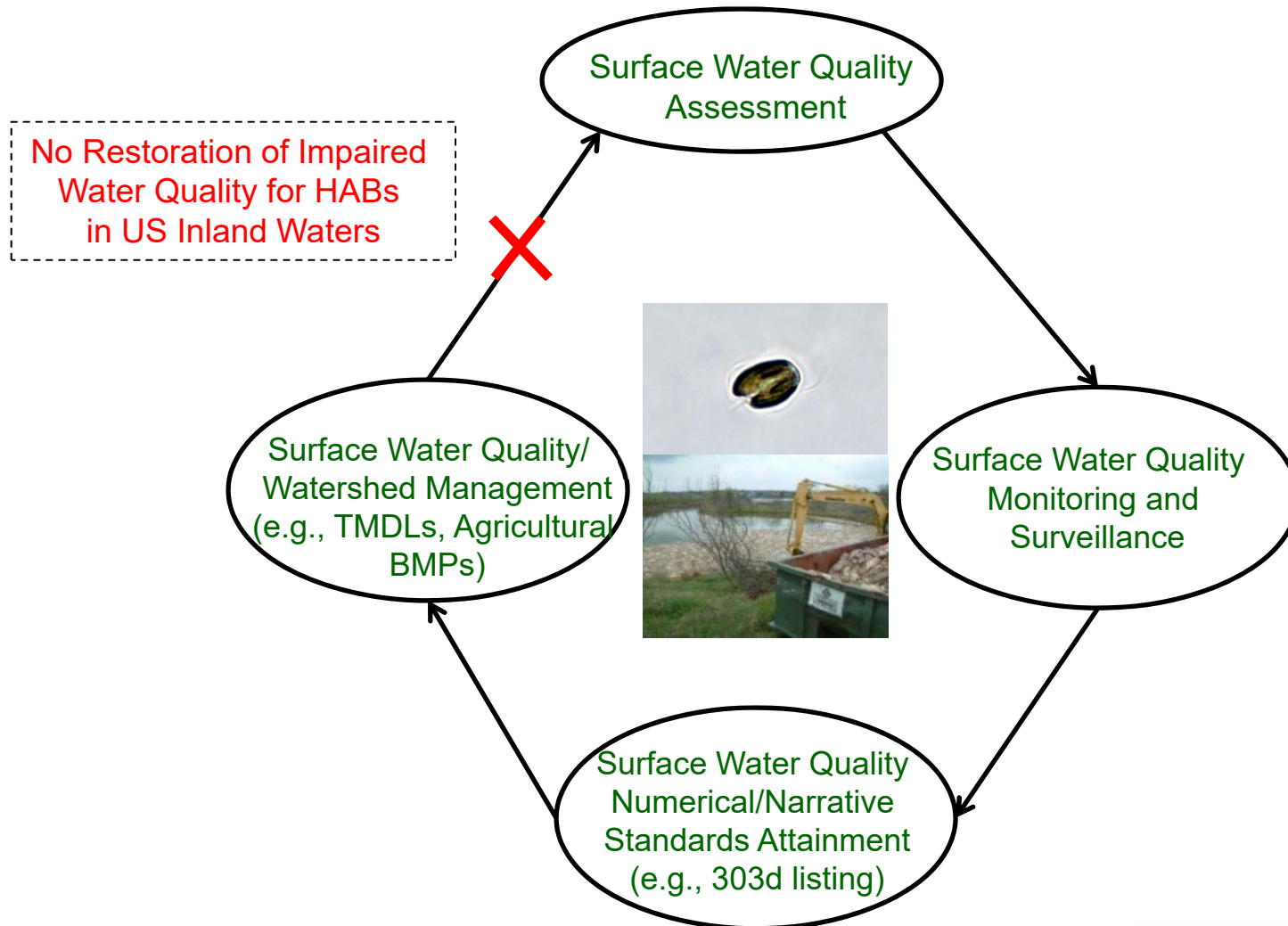
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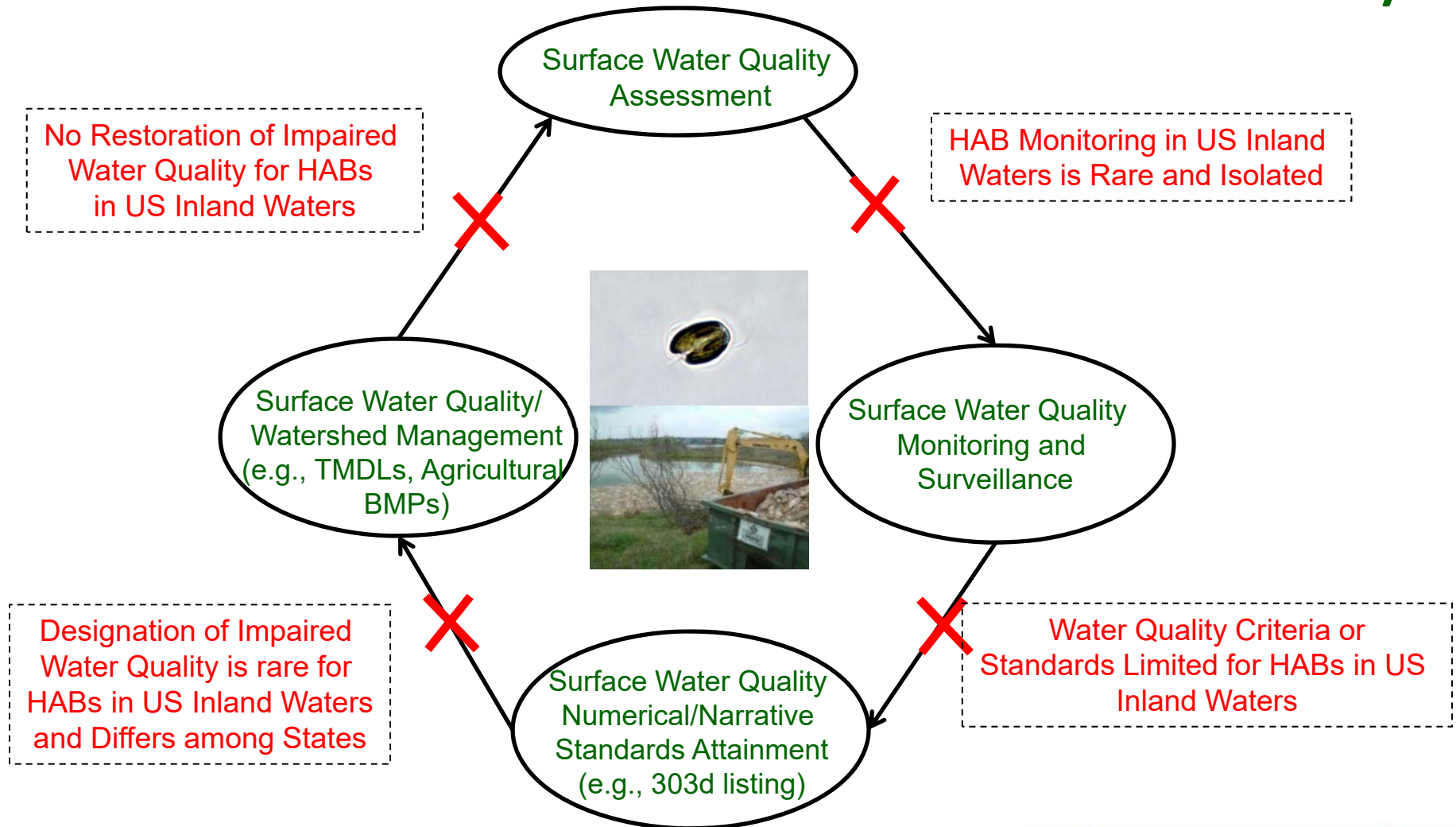
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NO DOGS ALLOWED: Toxic algae risk keeps Lady Bird Lake off-limits

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More reports of blue-green algae deaths in dogs

After 2 dogs die, Austin officials warn of potentially toxic algae in Lady Bird Lake

LOCAL

After more reports of dog deaths to algae exposure, expert says nutrients are to blame

Three dogs died recently in Austin after swimming in Lady Bird Lake and more reports of dog deaths are coming in from other states. One expert has a theory.

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Vet bills for dogs exposed to toxic algae spark awareness for pet insurance

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Toxic algae blooms that kill dogs are becoming more common, climate change making it worse

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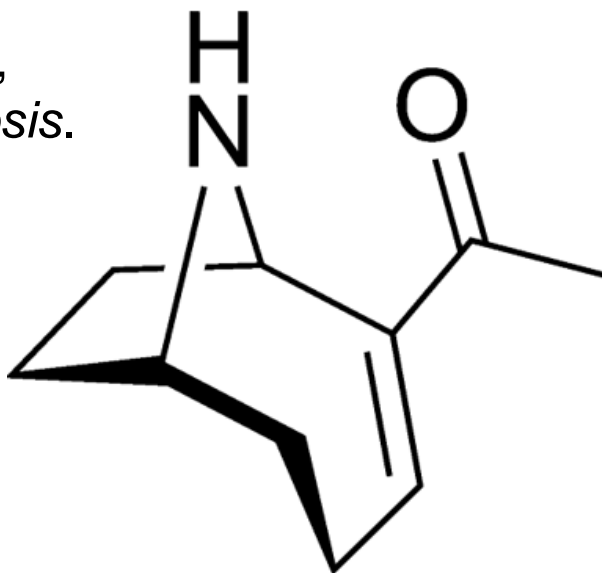
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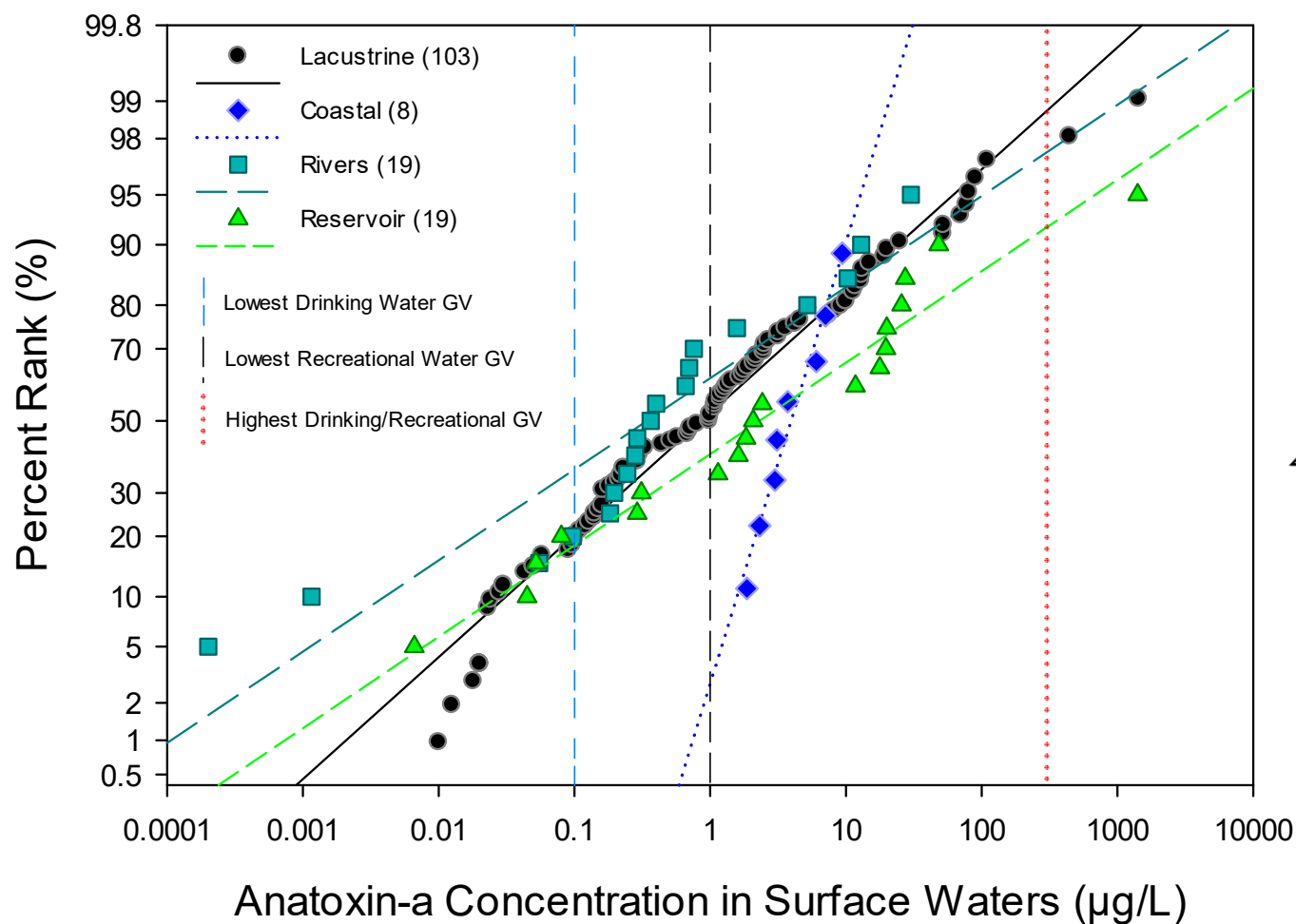
Pet owner warns others after dog dies of algae intoxication

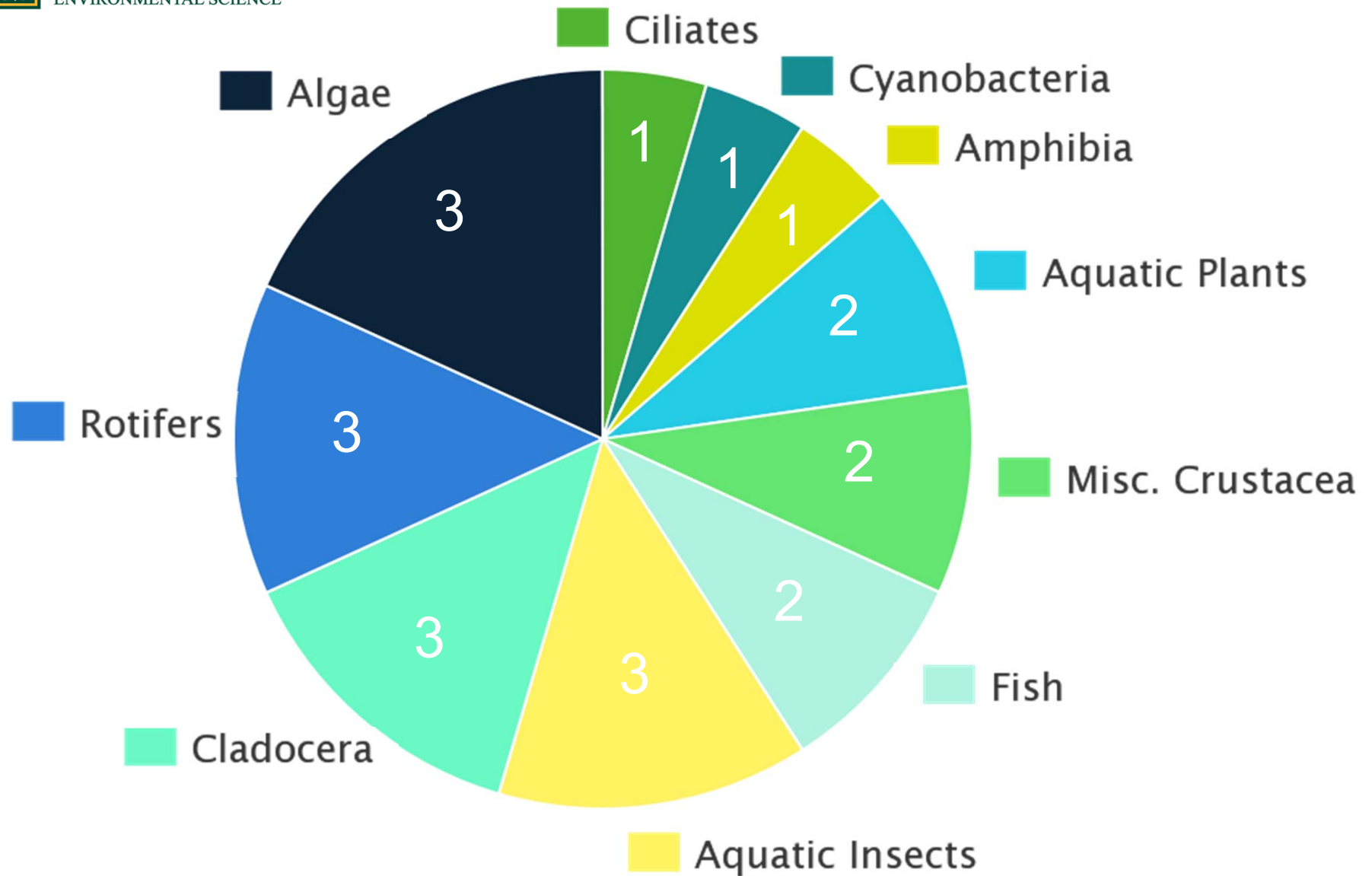
By Casey Claiborne, FOX 7 Austin | Published August 12, 2019 | News | FOX 7 Austin

What about Exposure and Aquatic Toxicity of Anatoxin-a?

Physical and Chemical Properties	Chemical Structure
<p>Produced by Genera: <i>Anabaena, Aphanizomenon, Microcystis, Nostoc, Oscillatoria, Planktothrix, Phormidium, and Raphidopsis.</i></p> <p>CAS: 64285-06-9</p> <p>Formula: C₁₀H₁₅NO</p> <p>Molecular weight: 165.24 g/mol</p> <p>Log K_{ow} 1.1</p> <p>Solubility 14 mg/L</p> <p>pK_a 9.4</p>	 <p>Anatoxin-a</p>

What are Environmentally Realistic Exposure Levels?

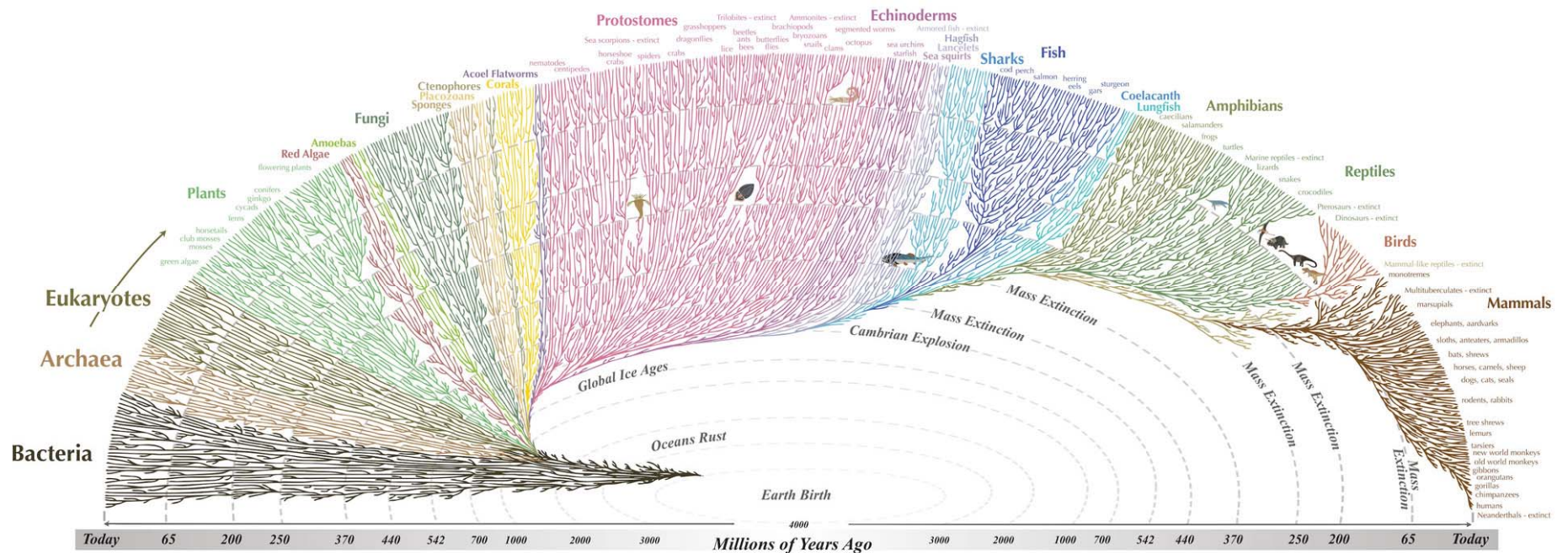




What about the Aquatic Toxicology of Anatoxin-a?

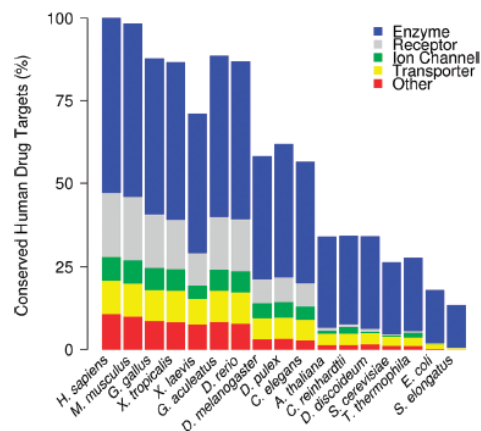
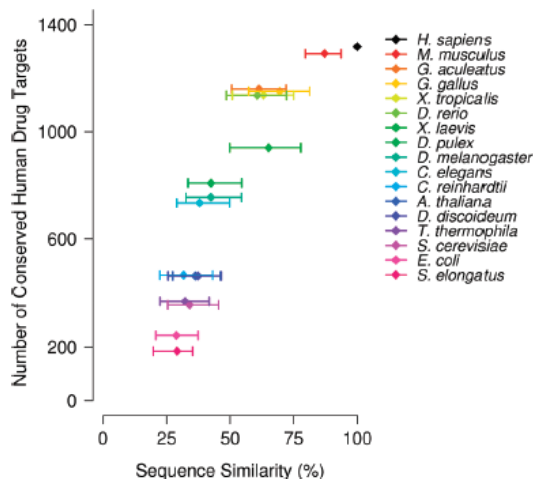
- Only 28.3% of anatoxin-a toxicity studies analytically verified treatment levels.
- Purity of the compound was given in only 5.31% of studies.
- 47.8% of studies used a non-specified enantiomeric mix of anatoxin-a, 23.0% used a racemic mixture, and only 29.2% examined (+) anatoxin-a.

Comparative Biology...



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Aquatic Toxicology

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Molecular target sequence similarity as a basis for species extrapolation to assess the ecological risk of chemicals with known modes of action

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Leveraging existing data for prioritization of the ecological risks of human and veterinary pharmaceuticals to aquatic organisms

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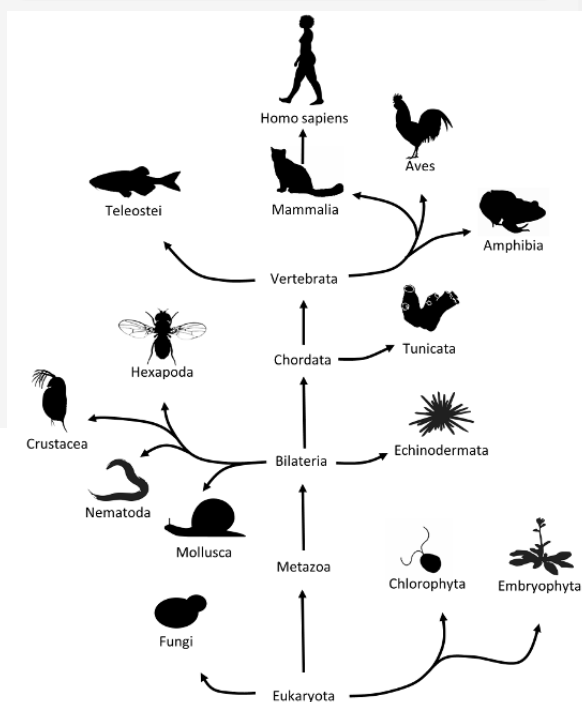
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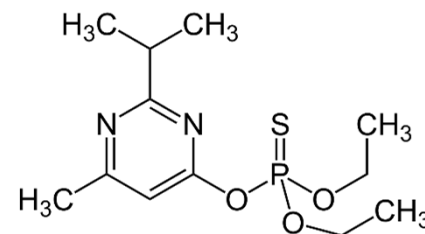
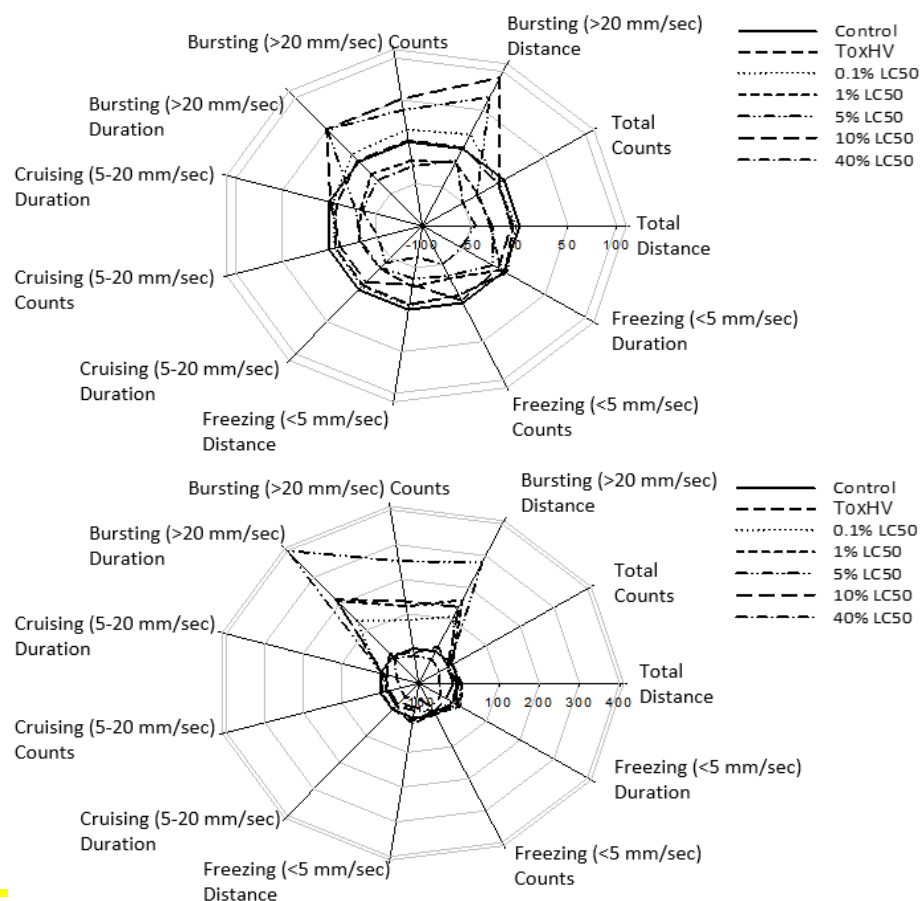


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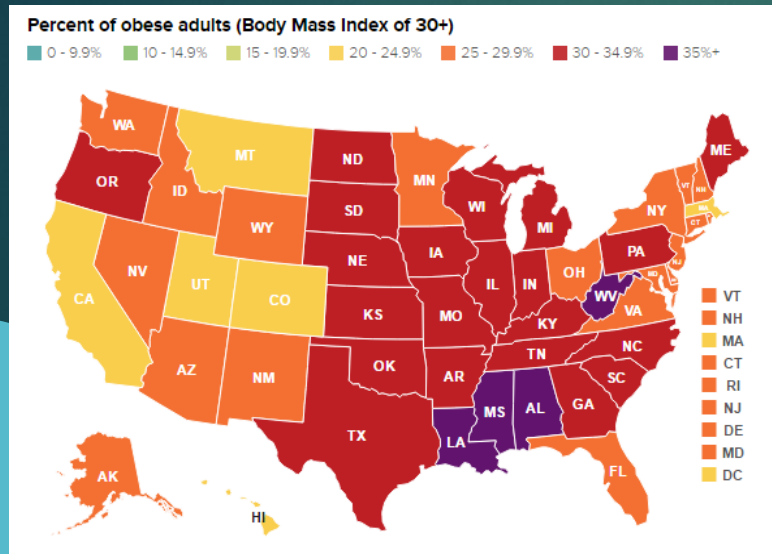
Comparative Behavioral Fingerprints for Chemical MOAs

Diazinon: Acetylcholinesterase inhibition



Steele et al 2018. *STOTEN*

HABs, Obesity and NAFLD: They kill silently.....



Medical Complications of Obesity

Pulmonary disease
abnormal function
obstructive sleep apnea
hypoventilation syndrome

Idiopathic intracranial hypertension

Stroke

Cataracts

Coronary heart disease

Diabetes

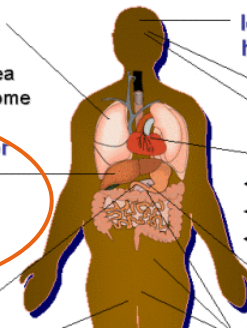
Dyslipidemia

Hypertension

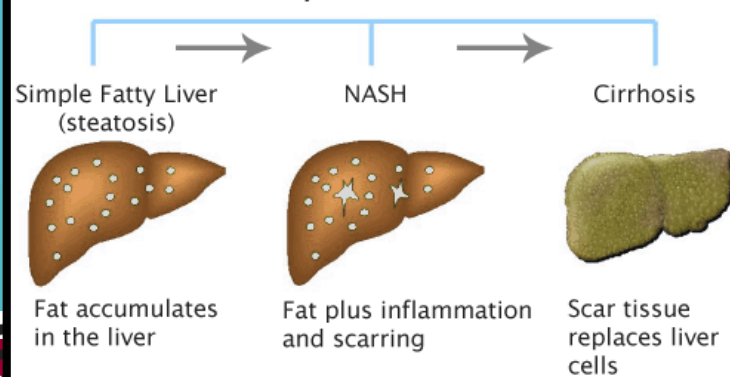
Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
steatosis
steatohepatitis
cirrhosis

Gall bladder disease

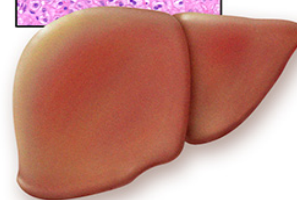
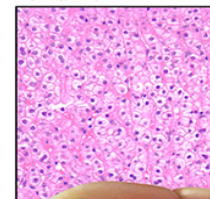
Severe pancreatitis



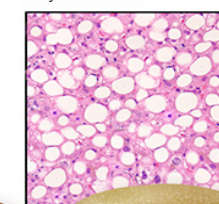
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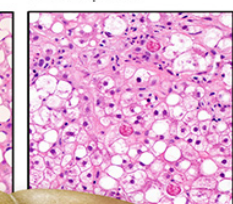
Normal liver



Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease



Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis



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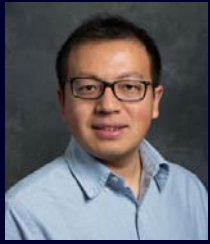
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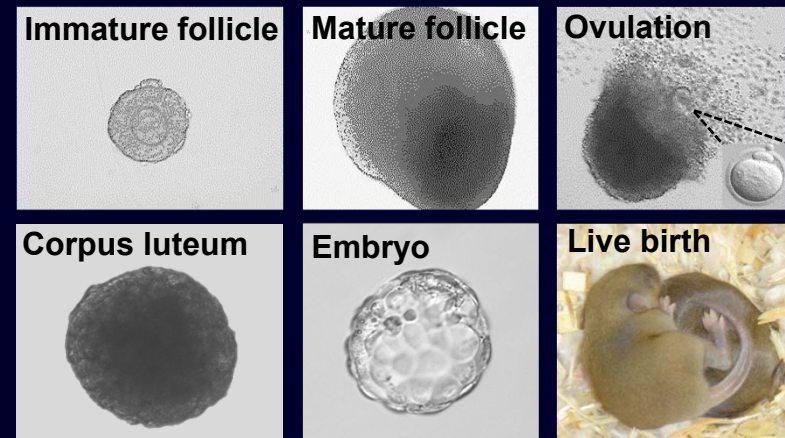
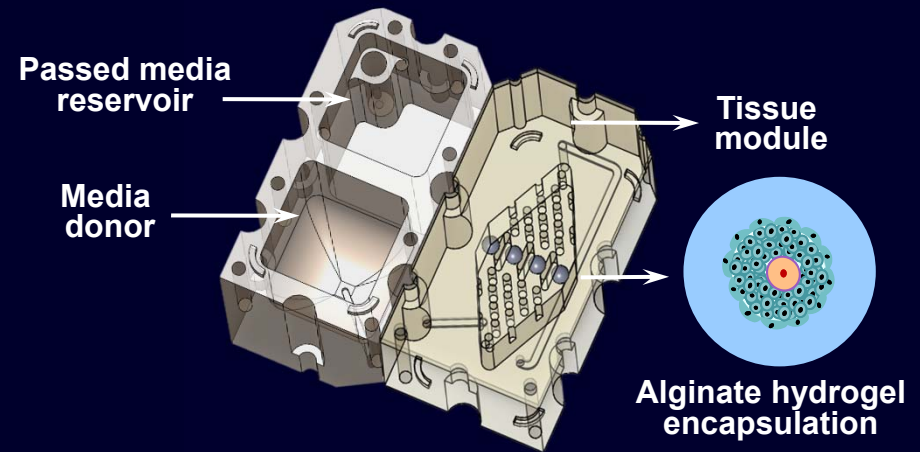
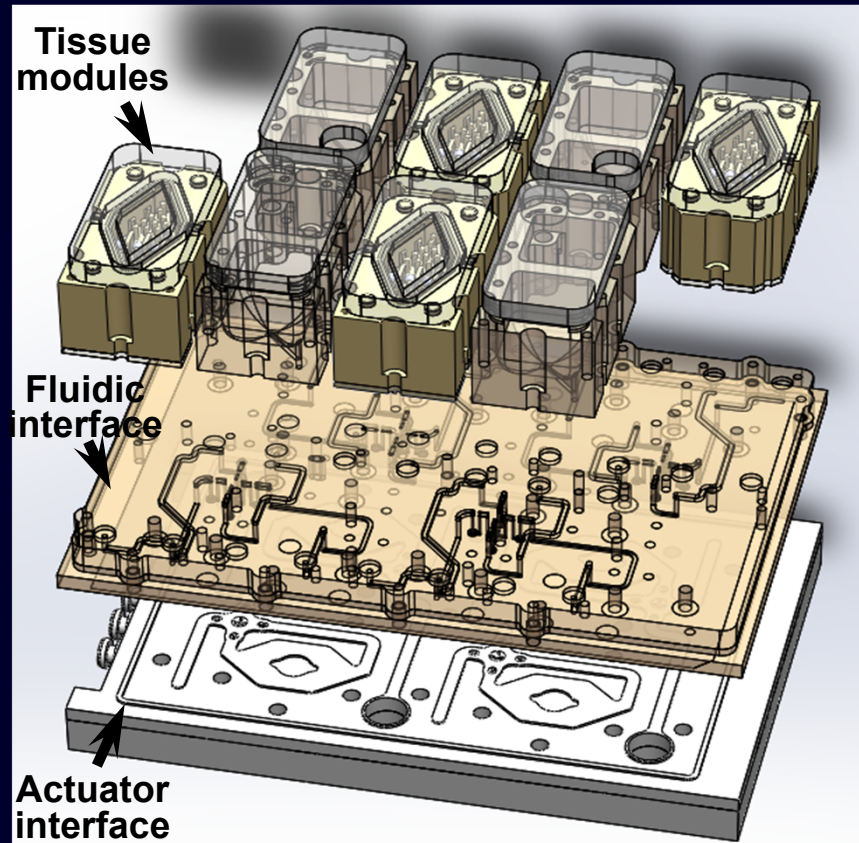
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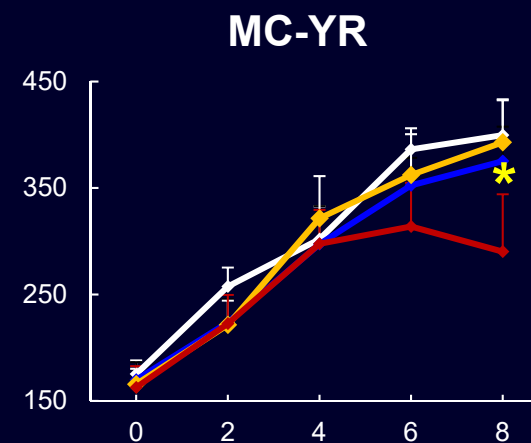
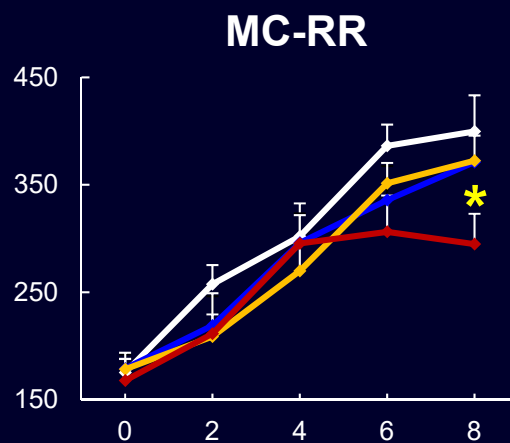
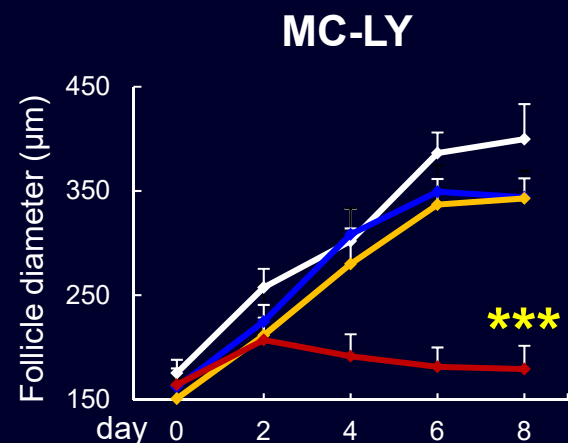
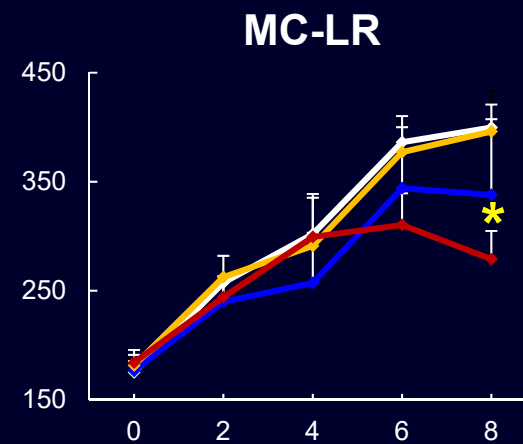
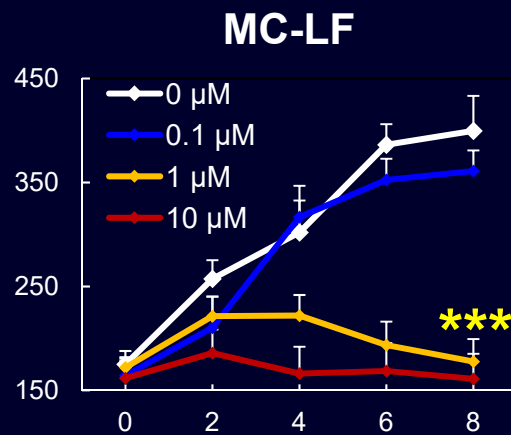
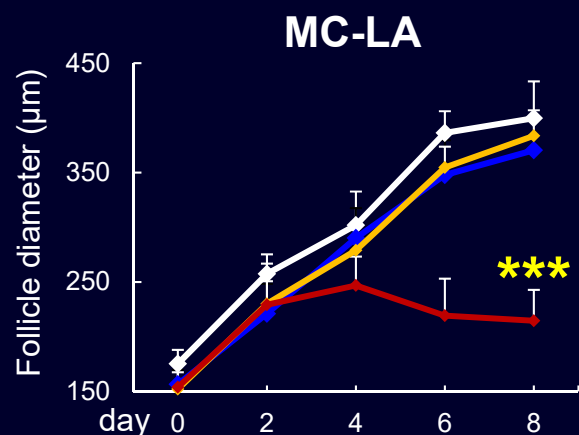
Ovary-on-a-chip based on microfluidic technology



- Pneumatic actuation technology and programmable fluid flow;
- Transport of fresh media and elimination of waste;
- Dynamic fluid flow to mimic physiological environment *in vivo*.

Xiao et al, *Reproduction*, 2015
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Ovotoxicity of MCs: Follicle survival & development



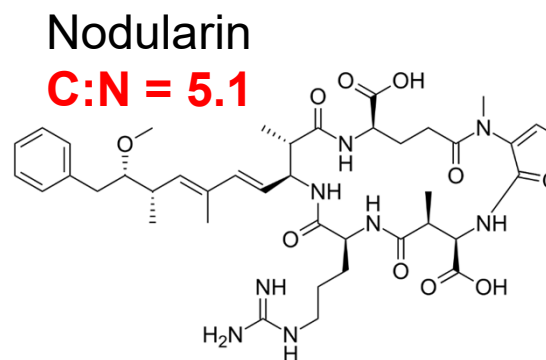
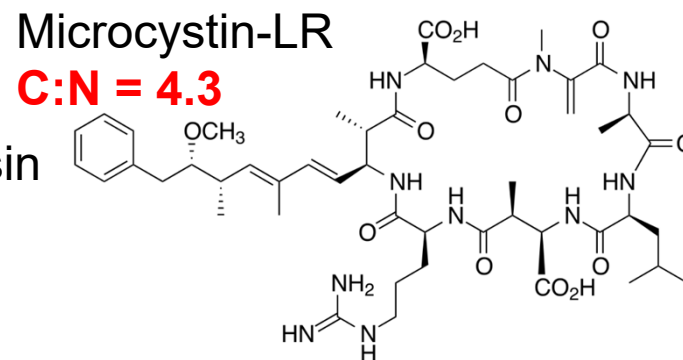
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Human serum MC-LR: 0.1 – 70 nM

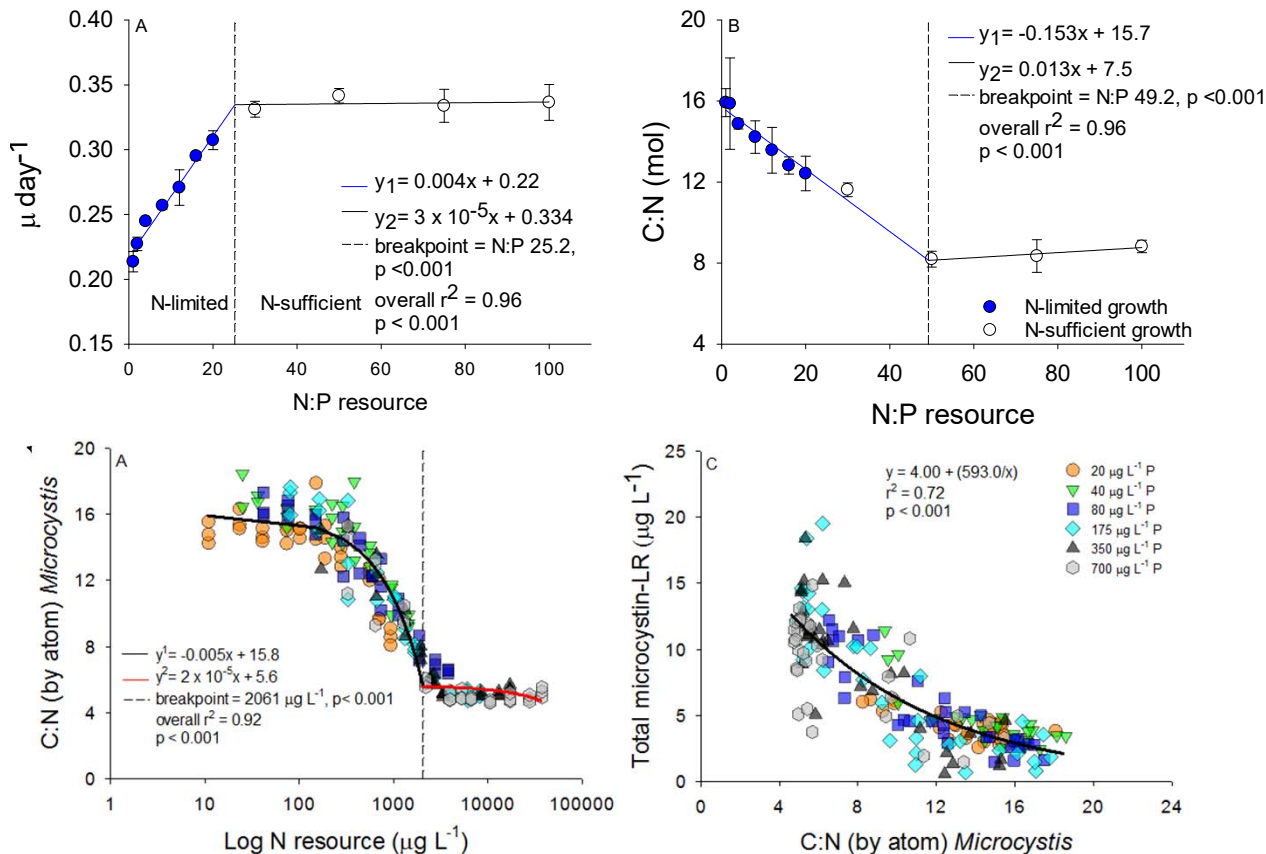
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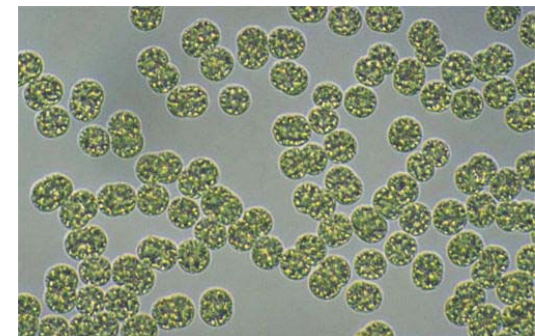
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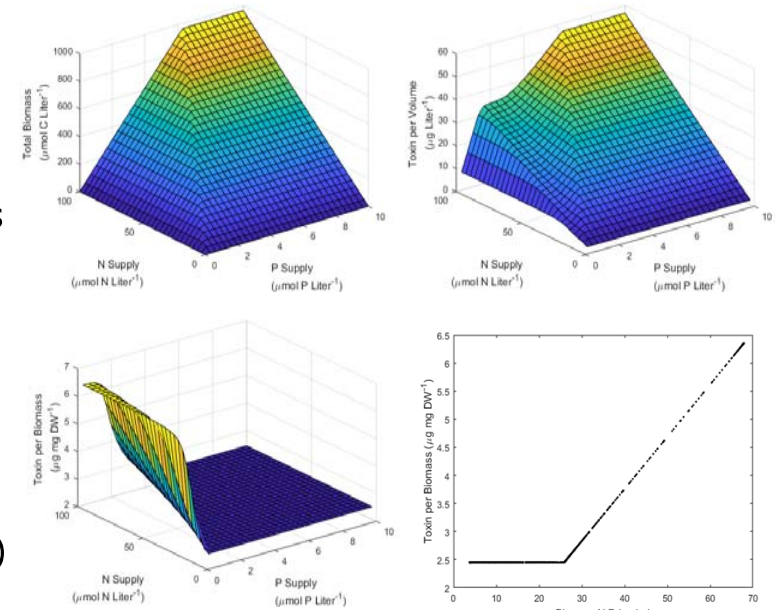
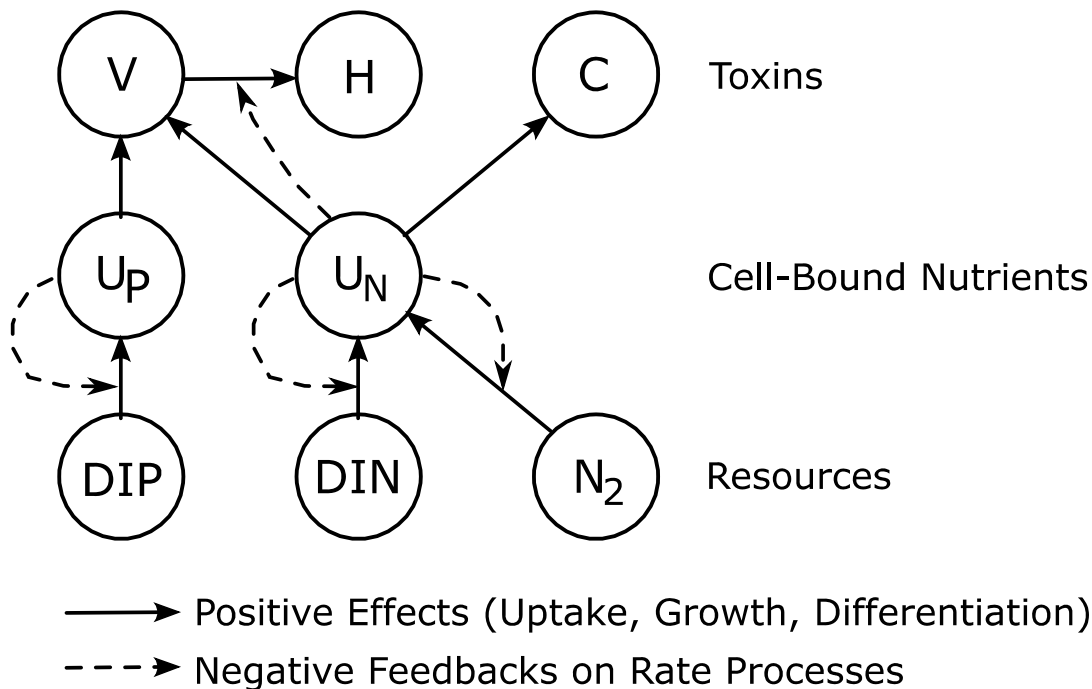
Biological Stoichiometry Regulates Microcystin-LR Production in *Microcystis aeruginosa* (UTEX 2385)



High resource N:P ratios allowed *M. aeruginosa* to decouple microcystin-LR production from growth and generate more toxin than would have been predicted by growth alone



A Stoichiometric Model for CyanoToxins



Are Harmful Algal Blooms Becoming the Greatest Threat to Water Quality?

In come places, in some case and at some times, they already are...

Toxic Algae Closes Utah Lake, Sickens 100

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

A huge toxic algae bloom in Utah has closed one of the largest freshwater lakes west of the Mississippi River, sickening more than 100 people and leaving farmers scrambling for clean water during some of the hottest days of the year.

The bacteria commonly known as blue-green algae has spread rapidly to cover almost all of 150-square-mile Utah Lake, turning the water bright, anti-freeze green with a pea soup texture and leaving scummy foam along the shore.



Bryce Larsen, environmental health director at the Utah County Health Department, looks at dried algae on the shore of Utah Lake on July 20 near Spanish Fork, Utah. Rick Bowmer / AP

"It smells like something is rotting," said Jason Garrett, water quality director for the Utah County Health Department. "We don't have an idea of how long this event will last."

Toxic algae is a problem around the country. An enormous bloom in Florida is now fouling beaches on the Atlantic coast, and a 2014 outbreak at Lake Erie left more than 400,000

Toledo bearing full brunt of Lake Erie algae bloom



People got sick at Pyramid Lake before the state reported toxic algae bloom. Could it have been avoided?



Children play near the shore at Pyramid Lake in Los Angeles County on Friday. Multiple people have reported getting sick after being exposed to a toxic algal bloom there. Stephanie K. Baer — Southern California News Group

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In come places, in some case and at some times, they already are...

- Future needs
 - Predictive models
 - Sensors for blooms and toxins
 - Analytical standards
 - Criteria and standards
 - Adaptive management and remedial interventions
 - Engagement across disciplines



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