

Ohio city to continue water ban

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Algae is seen near the City of Toledo water intake crib, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Lake Erie, about 2.5 miles off the shore of Curtice, Ohio. More tests are needed to ensure that toxins are out of Toledo's water supply, the mayor said Sunday, instructing the 400,000 people in the region to avoid drinking tap water for a second day. Toledo officials issued the warning early Saturday after tests at one treatment plant showed two sample readings for microcystin above the standard for consumption, possibly because of algae on Lake Erie. (AP Photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari)

The mayor of Toledo, Ohio, says new tests show that toxins are still in the city's water supply.



The readings come two days after 400,000 people in northwestern Ohio and southeastern Michigan were told to avoid drinking <u>tap water</u>.

Mayor D. Michael Collins said early Monday that most of the results were acceptable but some concerns remain.

Toledo officials issued the water warning in Ohio's fourth-largest city early Saturday after tests revealed the presence of a toxin likely from algae on Lake Erie.

The Ohio National Guard and other state agencies have been delivering pallets of <u>bottled water</u> to city and operating water purification systems to make more drinkable water.



Isaac Miles, of Toledo, Ohio, sells water on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, in Toledo, Ohio. Miles had purchased the water in Taylor, Mich. and brought it back to use and sell. Ohio Gov. John Kasich declared a state of emergency in northwest Ohio, where about 400,000 people are being warned not to drink the water on



Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014. Officials issued the warning Saturday after tests revealed the presence of a toxin possibly from algae on Lake Erie. (AP Photo/The Blade, Andy Morrison)



Megan Anllo, a volleyball coach at at Woodward High School, carries a bag of water to a nearby car, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Toledo, Ohio. More tests are needed to ensure that toxins are out of Toledo's water supply, the mayor said Sunday, instructing the 400,000 people in the region to avoid drinking tap water for a second day. Toledo officials issued the warning early Saturday after tests at one treatment plant showed two sample readings for microsystin above the standard for consumption, possibly because of algae on Lake Erie. (AP Photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari)





Ohio Army National Guard Spc. Luis Cardenas directs military vehicles carrying fresh drinking water, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, at Woodward High School in Toledo, Ohio. More tests are needed to ensure that toxins are out of Toledo's water supply, the mayor said Sunday, instructing the 400,000 people in the region to avoid drinking tap water for a second day. Toledo officials issued the warning early Saturday after tests at one treatment plant showed two sample readings for microsystin above the standard for consumption, possibly because of algae on Lake Erie. (AP Photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari)





This satellite image provided by NOAA shows the algae bloom on Lake Erie in 2011 which according to NOAA was the worst in decades. The algae growth is fed by phosphorus mainly from farm fertilizer runoff and sewage treatment plants, leaving behind toxins that have contributed to oxygen-deprived dead zones where fish can't survive. The toxins can kill animals and sicken humans. Ohio's fourth-largest city, Toledo, told residents late Saturday Aug. 2, 2014 not to drink from its water supply that was fouled by toxins possibly from algae on Lake Erie. (AP Photo/NOAA)





A member of the Ohio Air National Guard carries a bag of water to a nearby car, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, at Woodward High School in Toledo, Ohio. More tests are needed to ensure that toxins are out of Toledo's water supply, the mayor said Sunday, instructing the 400,000 people in the region to avoid drinking tap water for a second day. Toledo officials issued the warning early Saturday after tests at one treatment plant showed two sample readings for microsystin above the standard for consumption, possibly because of algae on Lake Erie. (AP Photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari)

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