
Great Hill Pond Cyanobacteria

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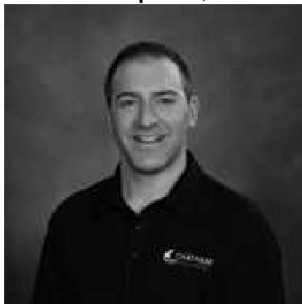
Cc David Modzelewski [redacted] Norman Ward [redacted]

Good afternoon, all.

Following a citizen complaint and subsequent [news story](#) about a bloom of cyanobacteria in Great Hill Pond, Chatham Health District conducted visual observations at several points around the shore this afternoon. No visible films, scums, mats, or other surface accumulations of cyanobacteria were observed. The water was clear, without any green opacity that would suggest the presence of large amounts of cyanobacteria distributed in the water column. It seems that the news story was poorly sourced, misidentifying the original citizen complaint as a formal DEEP-issued communication. I will be requesting that the Hartford Courant retract the story. This does not mean that the citizen's complaint of a bloom on Saturday near their shoreline was without merit, and therefore Chatham Health District will revisit the pond later this week to see if conditions have changed. However, algal cell counts, toxin testing, and public health risk advisories are not appropriate at this time.

Respectfully,

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