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Health advisory upgrade for local lake

(KNZA)--A public health advisory for a local lake has been upgraded.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, in a news release, said Thursday that the Hiawatha City Lake has been upgraded from “ watch” to “ warning” status due to the presence of toxic blue-green algae.

It is among 16 lakes in the state under “ warning” status.

KDHE says direct contact with the water should be avoided. The agency says if the lake water contacts your skin, wash with clean water as soon as possible.

Fish may be eaten if they are rinsed with clean water. However, only the fillet portion should be consumed and all other parts should be discarded.

The Hiawatha Lake has been on the health advisory list since July 11.

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