

Experimental Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin 24 October, 2016, Bulletin 29

There is no longer a risk for a cyanobacteria bloom in western Lake Erie. *Microcystis* is not present at visible levels and toxin is no longer produced. However, the chronic presence of *Planktothrix* cyanobacteria in Sandusky Bay will likely continue. In a few weeks we will report on the size of the Lake Erie bloom this year.

Over the course of the season, information to help with this bulletin came from a number of sources outside of NOAA, including Ohio State University's Stone Lab, the University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, the Great Lakes Observing System, the state of Ohio, several municipalities, as well as various interested organizations and citizen programs. We processed the imagery from data provided by NASA's Aqua and Terra satellites.

Within NOAA, the bulletin was assembled by the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, with key information and support from the Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab, the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services, and the National Weather Service Cleveland office.

--Stumpf, Dupuy.

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41.8

41.4N

Figure 1. Truecolor from NASA's MODIS-Terra data collected 23 October, 2016 at 11:57 EDT.



42.6N 42.2N Averaged forecasted currents from Great Lakes Forecasting System over the next 72 hours.

81W

FVCOM Currents 72-hr Average

Wind speed and direction from Marbelhead, OH. Blooms mix through the water column at wind speeds greater than 15 knots (or 7.7 m/s).

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82W

83W

Additional information from: Great Lakes Observing System Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Ohio State University, Stone Laboratory

79W

0.00 0.10 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00

Current speed (kts)

80W

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