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**[XX Water System or Iowa DNR] Detects Microcystin in XXX Water System**

Drinking water samples analyzed by [XXX public water system and/or Iowa DNR] show

microcystin, a compound produced by blue-green algae, has been detected in the treated drinking water from [XXX public water system]. At this time, there are no restrictions on water use.

U.S. EPA has established national health advisory levels for microcystin based on drinking water for 10 days. [XXX water system] is adjusting its treatment processes *(this may need to be modified based on water system capability)* to reduce microcystin levels. The Iowa DNR and the water system continue sampling to assess water quality at the plant and throughout the distribution system.

If the microcystin levels remain elevated, [the state/XXX community] may consider issuing an advisory for some or all of the population served by the [XX water system].

Citizens with questions should contact [XX water system] at [XXXnumber].