

Public health advisory for local lake downgraded

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

**The Kansas Department of Health and Environment had placed the Hiawatha City Lake under " warning" status July 11 due to the presence of toxic blue-green algae but in a news release Thursday said that has now been downgraded to " watch" status.**

**The lake is among nine in the state under " watch" status.**

**People are encouraged to avoid areas of algae accumulation and keep pets away from the water.**

**KDHE says fish should be cleaned well with potable water and only the fillet portion consumed.**

**Seven lakes in the state are currently under " warning" status. None of those are in the local area.**

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