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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FULTON COUNTY CUSTOMERS OF
NORTHEAST WATER SYSTEM AND SWANCREEK WATER DISTRICT**

July 28th, 2015 (WAUSEON, OH) On July 27th, Fulton County received notice that The City of Toledo changed their water quality dashboard to reflect the current status of Toledo's water, which is now "Watch." The watch indicates that microcystin has been detected in the intake crib 3 miles out in Lake Erie, but not in drinking water. A very small amount of microcystin was detected—0.5 parts per billion and below in the raw lake water. (0.5 parts per billion is equal to ½ a blade of grass in a football field.) The Toledo water treatment process is effectively removing the microcystin through its routine process. The treated water is safe to drink. They have reported that their new protocols are working as intended.

Two water systems in the eastern part of Fulton County receive water indirectly from the City of Toledo. Individuals who live in the **Village of Metamora, Amboy Township, Fulton Township, Royalton Township and Swancreek Township** and receive their water from the **Northeast Water System, or the Swancreek Water District** would be affected by a future advisory. If households are unsure about where their water comes from, they should look at their water bill for verification.

In the event that the City of Toledo would announce an advisory, the Fulton County residents mentioned above would also be on advisory. These residents are strongly encouraged to be prepared by stocking up with a 3 to 7 day supply of water as well as other items recommended in any emergency. (see attached "Preparing for Emergencies" document provided by the Lucas County EMA and partners.)

For the most up-to-date information, check the Fulton County Emergency Management Facebook Page. You can also sign up for email/text alerts at www.fultoncountyoh.com. Click on the Notify Me Page, and then sign up for Fulton County Public Utilities in the Alert Center.

Fulton County Officials would like to remind customers of the Northeast Water System and the Swancreek Water District that the treated water is safe to drink at this time.

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Preparing for Emergencies



The City of Toledo is taking aggressive steps to improve the Collins Park Water Treatment Plant to maintain safe, high-quality drinking water for our region.

We are also preparing for all types of emergencies, including source water issues, severe weather, critical power failures, flooding, hazardous spills, etc.

What we're doing to be prepared:

Protecting our drinking water by completing construction of additional chemical treatment facilities at the Collins Park Water Treatment Plant by July 1. Some 20 water quality monitoring buoys in the lake will provide advance warning of conditions conducive to algal activity in 2015. This allows us to anticipate and adjust treatment as needed.

Preparing to respond to emergencies of all types, including source water quality issues, in concert with the Ohio EMA, Lucas County EMA, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, and the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, among others.

Providing training opportunities and improving communication through the use of the National Incident Management System, designed to help the private and public sectors work together to prevent, respond to, and recover from incidents, regardless of cause, size, location or complexity.

What you can do to be prepared:

Read up on emergency preparedness information on the websites listed below. (*Be-Prepared-Kit* helps people with health or mobility issues develop emergency plans.*)

Sign up to receive emergency text alerts through www.lucascountyalerts.com. (*Good idea for everyone.*)

Stock up and keep a 3 to 7 day supply of the items below on hand. (*Basic list for any emergency.*)

Listen up to local television and radio stations for official updates during any emergency event.

La información está disponible en Español en www.toledo.oh.gov/services/public-utilities y en nuestro servicio al cliente 420 Madison, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

Shopping List:

- Canned fruit, vegetables, meat, tuna, juice
- 1-2 gallons of water per person per day
- Ready to eat snacks, such as crackers
- 2-3 garbage bags per person per day
- Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
- Paper plates, cups, bowls, plastic utensils
- Soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, bleach
- Medicines, medical supplies, toiletries
- Thermometer, aspirin, acetaminophen
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight, batteries, portable radio
- For Babies: diapers, wipes, baby food, formula
- For Pets: pet food and supplies

Helpful Websites:

- www.lucascountyhealth.com
- www.hcno.org
- *www.disabilityrightsohio.org/sites/default/files/ux/be-prepared-kit.pdf
- www.ready.gov
- www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/plan
- www.lucascountyalerts.com

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