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Subject: Soliciting comments on the experimental Lake Erie

Harmful Algal Bloom webpage hosted by WFO Cleveland

through October 31, 2018

The Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Cleveland, Ohio is soliciting comments on their Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) webpage through October 31, 2018:

https://www.weather.gov/cle/LakeErieHAB

This webpage provides a suite of pertinent NOAA/National Ocean Service (NOS) HAB information and NWS hydrometeorological analyses and short to medium range forecast information for the Lake Erie region.

Through this webpage, WFO Cleveland serves as a service delivery outlet to assist NOS dissemination of their Lake Erie HAB Bulletins to a broader network of users. The webpage provides HAB and hydrometeorological information and serves as a one stop for lakeshore communities, recreational users, boaters, beach goers, emergency managers, etc., to gain access to harmful algal bloom conditions and projections on the lake and easy access to weather and marine forecasts for planning beach and lake activities.

In addition, the webpage provides a wide range of water monitoring information from partner agencies such as NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, US Geological Survey, Ohio Sea Grant, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Ohio Department of Health, Great Lakes Observing System, and the City of Toledo.

The webpage is routinely updated during the Lake Erie HAB season, generally July through October each year.

More detailed information and examples can be found in the Product Description Document at the following link:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_LakeErieHAB.pdf

The electronic survey for submitting comments and feedback on WFO Cleveland's experimental Lake Erie HAB webpage is online at:

www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=HAB

The link to this electronic survey is also included directly on the WFO Cleveland experimental Lake Erie HAB webpage itself

https://www.weather.gov/cle/LakeErieHAB

If you have questions or comments regarding the Experimental Lake Erie HAB webpage please contact:

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