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Price River Water Users Advised to Seek Other Sources

Lab tests confirm high levels of toxins

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food is advising farmers and ranchers not to let their livestock drink water from Scofield Reservoir or the Price River and not to irrigate their crops. This is due to water tests taken by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that showed elevated levels of toxins associated with the algal bloom in Scofield Reservoir.

Pet owners should not let their animals drink from the lake or river. Alternative water sources may be available from the Price River Water Improvement Association at [\(435\) 637-6351](tel:4356376351).

DEQ's Division of Water Quality will continue to sample and analyze the water from the reservoir until tests show water has returned to safe levels.

Animals that have been exposed to affected waters and are exhibiting symptoms should be seen by a veterinarian. Symptoms include weakness, fatigue and excessive saliva production.

Livestock owners are also advised to not allow their animals to consume any matted or accumulated algae in waterways or in stock ponds.

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About DEQ

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard public health and quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment. DEQ implements state and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah's air, land and water. For more information, visit www.deq.utah.gov, follow DEQ on Facebook ([utahdeq](https://www.facebook.com/utahdeq)) and Twitter ([UtahDEQ](https://twitter.com/UtahDEQ)), or call 1-800-458-0145.