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Heat wave causes algae growth in Lake Champlain

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BURLINGTON, Vt.—A week of hot, humid weather is spawning growth of potentially toxic blue-green algae on portions of Lake Champlain in Vermont and upstate New York.

The Burlington Free Press says this week's hot weather created perfect growing conditions for the algae.

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Blooms were reported from Burlington south to Ferrisburgh and Port Henry and Westport,

N.Y.

The blooms were also reported at some inland ponds in Vermont.

Scientist Mary Watzin says water samples collected Monday and Tuesday contained dense concentrations of two kinds of blue-green algae capable of producing toxins, one of which attacks the nervous system, the other the liver.

Tests are expected to be completed Thursday that will determine if toxins were produced.

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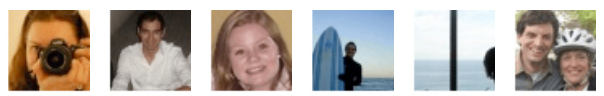
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