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Testing conducted in mid-May shows that toxic blue-green algae continues to be present in the Highland Lakes.

Samples of algae material collected May 11 at the Travis Landing area of Lake Travis continue to contain dihydroanatoxin-a, a toxin that can be dangerous to humans and pets when ingested. A dog died after playing in the water near Travis Landing in February, and every sample taken from that area since the death has contained dihydroanatoxin-a.

“We are pleased to see the level of toxicity is continuing to decline, but even a small amount of this toxin can be dangerous if ingested,” said John Hofmann, LCRA executive vice president for Water. “Our message stays the same: People should avoid contact with algae in the Highland Lakes and keep dogs from playing in or ingesting it.”

For more information on harmful algae or to download a free sign template to warn lake visitors about the potential for toxic blue-green algae, visit lcra.org/algae.