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TOLEDO'S WATER IS NY TIMES POSTER CHILD FOR ALGAE CRISIS,
SAME DAY ENVIRONMENTALISTS PREMIER "THE BATTLE FOR LAKE ERIE"

TOLEDO – On the day a photo of algae-choked Lake Erie headlined the [New York Times' Science page](#), local environmentalists announced the premier of “The Battle for Lake Erie,” a presentation they plan to show everywhere in the Western Lake Erie watershed.

In addition to the photo, the Times’ story retold the problems Toledo has had with algae-related microcystin toxins in its water supply. Coincidentally, today, Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie (ACLE) issued a press advisory about **the premier of its new educational presentation, “The Battle for Lake Erie,” Wednesday, 6:30pm, at Grace Lutheran Church, 4441 Monroe St. in Toledo.**

Susan Matz, an ACLE coordinator, said, “Our program that premieres publicly tomorrow night makes it clear we are truly in a battle for the survival of Lake Erie and our ability to have clean drinking water, something we believe is a human right.”

“We expect many people seeing our presentation will be shocked to learn, for example, that the manure produced by just the larger industrial feedlot operations in our watershed generate more waste every year than the combined sewage of Chicago and Los Angeles! This toxic mixture of feces, urine, blood, disease pathogens and antibiotics is then spread, untreated, on farm fields that drain into Western Lake Erie.” Matz added that the 30-minute presentation was vetted by local scientists and Lake Erie experts

Also at tomorrow night’s meeting, ACLE will propose expanding its postcard campaign to get a U.S. EPA “impaired watershed” designation, to all federal and state incumbents and candidates for office in this fall’s election, as it continues to press Toledo’s mayor and city council to adopt a resolution supporting the designation.

“One of the reasons Toledo officials have given against supporting U.S. EPA action is that it will somehow put a ‘bad mark’ on the Toledo area. Well, in today’s New York Times, right there on page D6 for all the world to see, is a satellite color photo of what nutrient pollution and algae have done to our lake. It’s time they took their heads out of the mud and supported a U.S. EPA cleanup,” Matz concluded.

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