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LAKE ADVOCATES PICKET KASICH IN SANDUSKY

Governor calls Erie “A Jewel,” lets Big Ag use it as a toilet

Members of [Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie](#) (ACLE) will be in Sandusky this evening to leaflet people arriving for Governor Kasich’s “State of the State” speech at the historic State Theater. (leaflet attached)

“We’re not going to let him get away with using Lake Erie as a photo op, while he lets factory farms use it as a toilet,” said Kathy Mockensturm, ACLE member. “Every year, CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operations) dump over [700 million gallons a year](#) of untreated animal feces and urine – the equivalent of the combined sewage from Los Angeles and Chicago – on fields draining into western Lake Erie. No wonder toxic algal blooms are now a summer ritual on Lake Erie.”

While leafleting, the group from Toledo will hold signs with a photo from the Cleveland Plain Dealer (below) of a large glass of green water, dubbed “A Kasich Cocktail straight up,” taken in front of the City of Toledo’s water intake during the August, 2014 water ban when a half-million people went without water for nearly three days due to a toxic algal bloom contaminating the lake with lethal microcystin.

Mockensturm added that “Kasich’s EPA includes a Deputy Director for Lake Erie Policy, [Karl Gebhardt](#), who was a lobbyist for the Ohio Farm Bureau for 19 years. It’s just another example of how Big Ag calls the shots and makes a mockery of the Governor’s claim that Lake Erie is a jewel.” (see references linked, below graphics)

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Toxin	Dosage Required to Kill 50% of Lab Rats
Dioxin	0.000001 mg/kg/d
Microcystin LR	0.000003 mg/kg/d
PCBs	0.00002 mg/kg/d
Methylmercury	0.0001 mg/kg/d
DDT	0.0005 mg/kg/d
Cyanide	0.02 mg/kg/d
Chlorine	0.1 mg/kg/d

Source: OSU Stone Labs

“Lake Erie is a Jewel” -- John Kasich

<https://twitter.com/johnkasich/status/496304399531388928> (continued on pg. 2)

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