



## ALGAL BLOOM ACTION TEAM

### **Fifth Annual Harmful Algal Bloom Virtual Symposium Call for Abstracts**

January 9–10, 2025

**NEW Deadline: Friday November 1st, 11:59 pm Central Time**

The Algal Bloom Action Team, a collaboration of water professionals, researchers, and educators from 12 states in the North Central Region of the United States, invites you to submit an abstract to the Fifth Annual Harmful Algal Bloom Virtual Symposium. The symposium will feature emergent harmful algal bloom (HAB) research and provide opportunities to discuss community outreach efforts.

The Algal Bloom Action Team includes the national network of Water Resources Research Institutes (WRRI), the North Central Region Water Network, and university Extensions within each state in the North Central Region. The Algal Bloom Action Team was the recipient of the Outstanding Regional Collaboration Achievement Award from the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals for its first Annual Harmful Algal Blooms Symposium in 2021. The 2024 Harmful Algal Bloom Symposium featured 6 presentations on a variety of HAB-related topics and brought together over 600 water professionals from across the United States.

For more information on the Algal Bloom Action Team, see our website:

<https://northcentralwater.org/habs/>

#### Presentation Abstract Information

The Symposium Planning Committee is specifically interested in science-based presentation abstracts that address harmful algal blooms (HABs) in the North Central Region of the United States, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

To be considered for acceptance, presentation abstracts must address at least one of the following topic areas related to HABs:

**Monitoring, Forecasting, and Detection**  
**Prevention and Treatment**  
**Human Dimensions\***  
**Climate Change Impacts**

\*Particularly interested in citizen scientist opportunities or monitoring/communication methods.

Upon acceptance, presentations should be limited to 30 minutes.

*Presentations should be research or outreach focused. Product promotion is discouraged.*



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### Review Criteria

Presentations will be reviewed based on one or more of the following criteria:

- Is the abstract a science- or data-driven approach to understanding HABs?
- Does the abstract address HABs topics in the North Central Region? (See states listed above.)
- Does this topic have interest or applicability to Extension and other HABs-related professionals?

### Abstract Submission

Proposals should be submitted using this [Google form](#). No submissions will be accepted via email to conference organizers. Incomplete submissions or submissions sent directly to planning committee members will not be considered.

For questions regarding the program or submitting an abstract, please contact:  
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