

ODW Harmful Algae Blooms Plan

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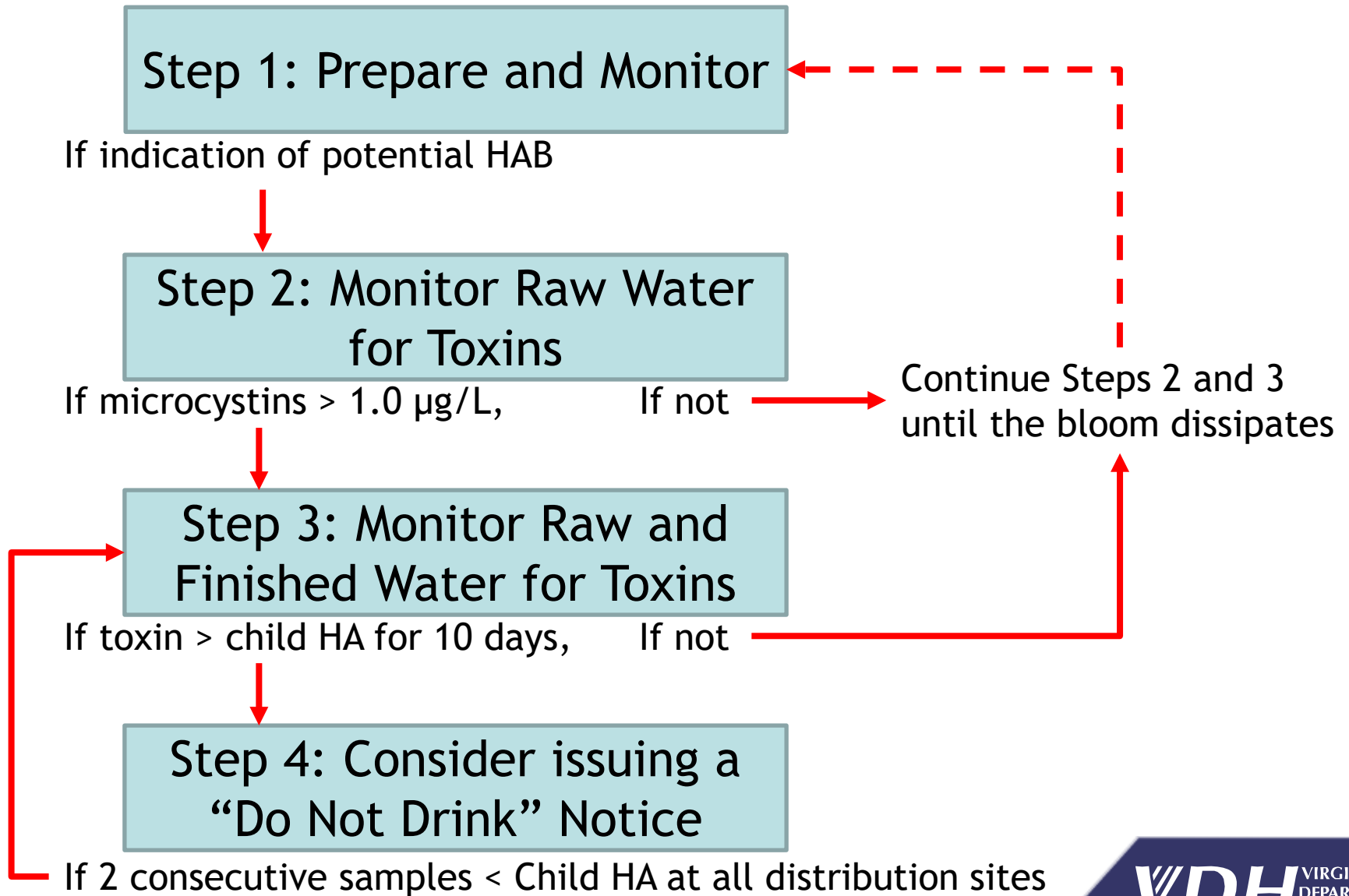
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Virginia HAB Task Force

- Virginia Interagency group
- Monitors public water bodies
 - Routine sampling
 - HAB Hotline - 888-238-6154
 - [Online Reporting Form](#)
- Coordinates interagency bloom responses



Algal Bloom Response



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If indication of potential HAB

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for Toxins

If microcystins > 1.0 µg/L

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- Waterworks monitors for and report blooms
 - Visual
 - Analytical (pH)
- ODW shares HAB Task Force bloom reports

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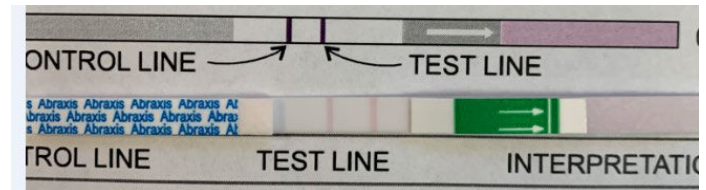
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- Field offices can leave the test strips with Waterworks



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- ODW may assist with sampling and analysis
- FO has bottles and dechlor
- FO coordinates with CO for analysis
- Sampling instructions:
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Events\Cyanotoxin Lab
Information

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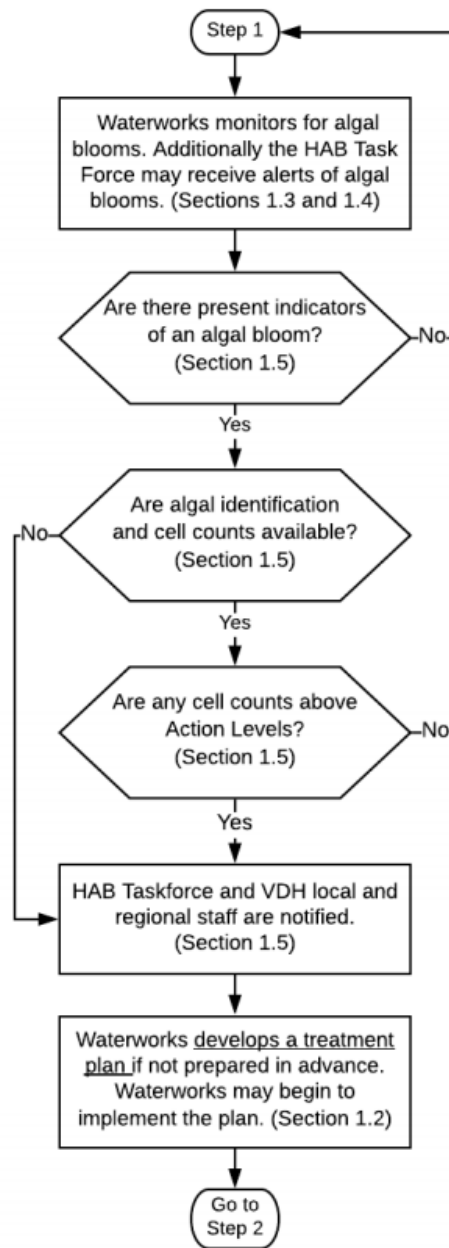
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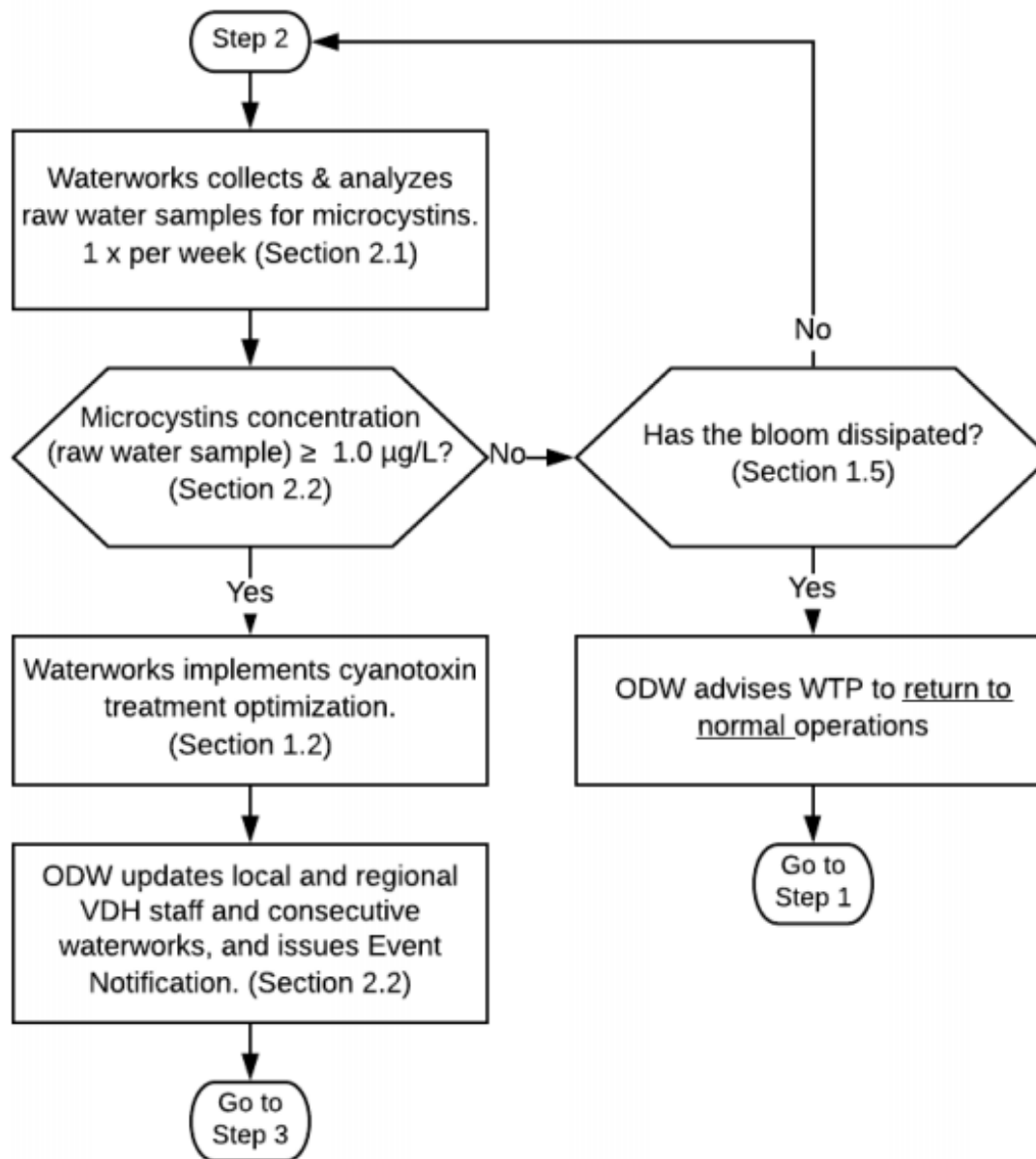
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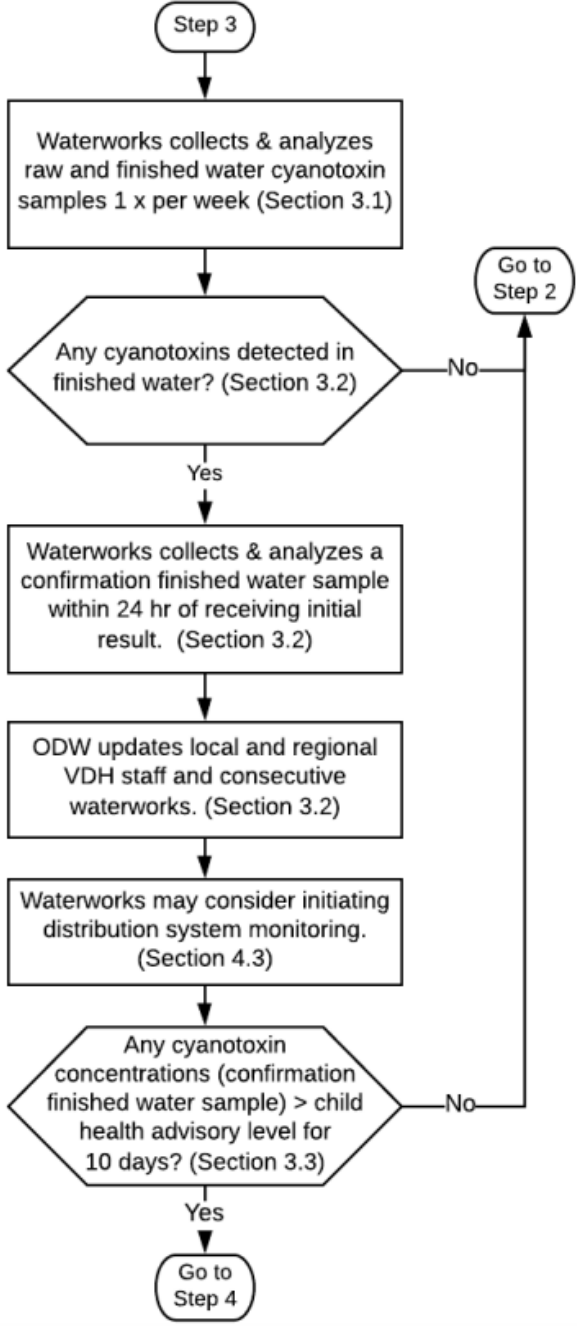
- FO will coordinate with the local health department director and the waterworks owner to recommend simple messaging - “Do Not Drink” if child HA exceeded > 10 days
- ODW recommends waterworks develop a distribution system monitoring plan

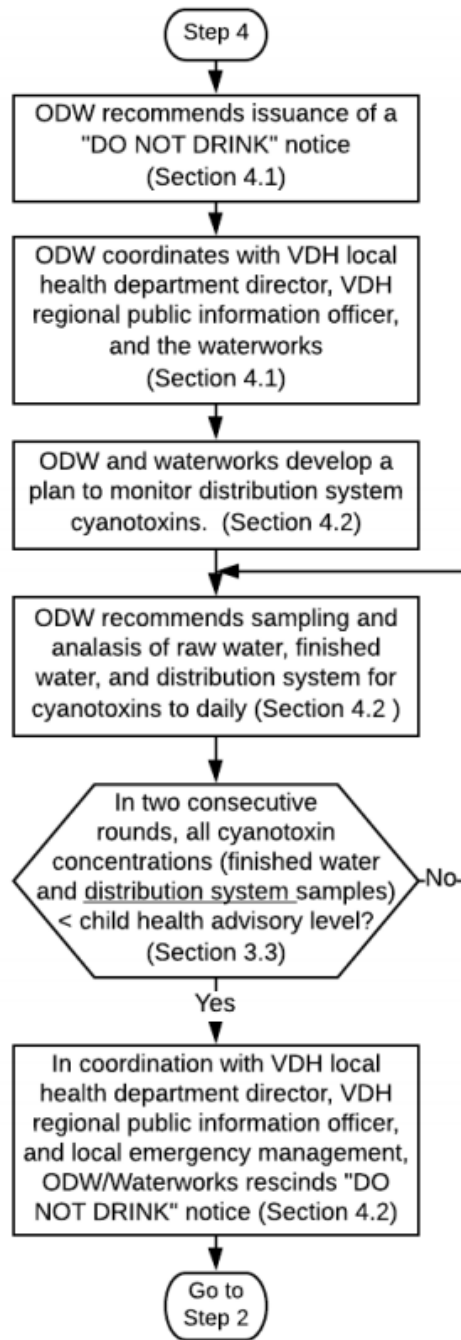
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Source Water Protection Measures

- Public education



- Agricultural and stormwater Best Management Practices



- Wastewater improvements



Questions?

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