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Blue-green algae and algal toxins are a concern for both recreational and drinking water resources. Research regarding the distribution and toxicity of blue-green algal blooms in Indiana and the Midwest, with particular emphasis on central Indiana drinking water reservoirs will be discussed. Algal concentrations in both Eagle Creek and Geist Reservoirs, and the detection of the algal toxin Microcystin in Geist Reservoir resulted in recreational usage advisories in both reservoirs.