

Great Lakes HABS Collaboratory: Fighting Harmful Algal Blooms Together



The **Great Lakes HABS Collaboratory** is a “collective laboratory” that seeks to improve communication among scientists, and between scientists and decision-makers, on issues related to Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in the Great Lakes. Established by the Great Lakes Commission (GLC), in partnership with U.S. Geological Survey - Great Lakes Science Center in 2015, the HABS Collaboratory is helping to establish

a common knowledge base of where science currently is on HABs, what future science needs may be, and how the region can work together to better prevent and manage HABs.

HABs in the Great Lakes have poisoned drinking water, threatened public health, and hurt the regional economy. Management is a complex, regional challenge that cannot be addressed by one state or by traditional management. The Great Lakes HABS Collaboratory is part of the GLC’s portfolio of collaborative projects that apply the collective impact framework to address complex problems facing the Great Lakes. The model for the Collaboratory also builds on similar coordinative efforts by the GLC to address invasive *Phragmites* and invasive mussels in the Great Lakes.

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