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DEQ to Host Public Meetings on Mercury in Fish Study

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will host public meetings to discuss elevated levels of mercury found in fish in some Oklahoma lakes. There are currently 16 Oklahoma lakes where some species of fish contain levels of mercury above what is considered safe for unlimited consumption. The lakes in Oklahoma with fish consumption advisories pertaining to the amount of mercury in the fish are:

- Atoka Lake
- Boomer Lake
- Broken Bow Reservoir
- Coalgate City Lake
- Draper Lake
- Elmer Thomas Lake
- Hugo Lake
- Kaw Reservoir
- Lake Heyburn
- McAlester City Lake
- McGee Creek Reservoir
- Pine Creek Reservoir
- Quanah Parker Lake
- Rush Lake
- Sardis Lake
- Wister Lake

DEQ will host three public meetings to address advisories specific to the above list of lakes. The meetings will be held in the following towns:

- Atoka – July 13 – 6:30 p.m. – Kiamichi Technology Center
- Broken Bow – July 14 – 6:30 p.m. – Broken Bow Library
- Hugo – July 15 – 6:30 p.m. – Choctaw County Library

For more information on the public meetings or on the lake specific fish consumption advisories, contact Jay Wright or Pam Baldwin at (800) 869-1400.

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