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For the first time in many years I have been noticing a distinctive change in the odor of local streams. I have visited streams in Chester, Lancaster, York, and Cumberland counties this year, and have found that many of them smell, for lack of a better word, septic. That is, like cesspools.

I'm certain this has something to do with water levels and the lack of purgative fresh water moving into these streams and rivers. However, I wonder if the levels of toxicity have spiked this year. Does anyone know if any organizations have produced any data on the increased toxicity of local waters?

Has anyone else noticed the smell? Also algae blooms in local lakes also seem more frequent and intense. As I just imagining things or is this a real trend?