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BENEFITS OF CONTROLLING NUISANCE AQUATIC PLANTS AND ALGAE IN THE UNITED STATES

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Rollout/Release

This Commentary was rolled out on Wednesday, July 16, at the Aquatic Plant Management Society's annual meeting in Savannah, Georgia. Dr. John Rodgers, Clemson University, provided a well-received presentation about the pertinent aspects of the paper. After a successful rollout at the Aquatic Plant Management Society's annual meeting, CAST's latest Commentary continues to inform and educate. The publication received coverage or listings on sites such as *UC Weed Science, Aquatic Plant Management Society*, the USDA, and several other blogs and corporate pages. CAST press releases have also made the paper available to hundreds of news outlets and organizations.

Distribution of Announcements/News Releases

- *Listservs* (in descending order)
 - Media: 5,722

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- Additional Contacts: 5,010
 - o Friday Notes recipients
 - News Information Groups
 - Deans of Agriculture
 - Company and Nonprofit Members
 - Society Presidents and Executives

- o Directors of Ag Experiment Stations
- o Board Staff
- o Task Force Members
- o NASDA Administrators

Comments Received

Follow-On Activities

- After high toxin levels were discovered in water from Lake Erie on August 2nd, a tap water ban left residents of Toledo, Ohio, to rely on bottled water for the weekend. This Commentary was sent out to various people around the country, from Toledo administration officials to state Departments of Agriculture, to people suggested by the Aquatic Plants Task Force.
 - This paper was sent to: Toledo City (the public works director and the city manager); to Ohio Governor John Kasich; to Collin O'Mara, President of the National Wildlife Federation; to Bob Ehart; to Sandy Miller Hays, Office of the Directory, USDA/ARS; to Toni Pennington, Western Aquatic Plant Management Society; to Heather Bartlett, Program Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology, Water Quality.

• Sent 200 flyers to the Aquatic Plant Management Society in July, and they put the link to our paper on their homepage. 60 flyers were sent to the Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment in August, and the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation also put the link to our paper on their homepage.

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