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Subject: Status of BS Pool

All,

I believe that the time will soon be here to decide whether the current problem seen at Upper Barton Springs constitutes a health and safety threat at BS Pool. The pool has been closed for 2 weeks for it's annual spring clean but will reopen this weekend for Spring Break. I did not realize until yesterday that Jennifer got a skin rash after surveys at UBS when this problem was first discovered. I as well as others have been exposed to the same waters without obvious problems but we all react differently to environmental contaminants. Our current focus is rightly on the endangered species but we should probably start getting advise on human exposure as well since the swim season is upon us. No one at our meeting yesterday thought this was a human health and safety issue because the evidence does not yet indicate a severe contamination problem but the canaries have stopped chirping, at least at UBS.

Options or combinations thereof:

- Advise upper COA management of all the issues
- Seek advise on human exposure
- Check with PARD pool staff about any health problems from exposure to pool water, particularly those with fair skin
- Post notice at BS Pool (sure to bring lots of unwelcome attention)
- Maybe time for a thorough COA press release
- Temporarily close BS Pool

I think we still need the remaining lab results to better respond but I think we should begin considering human exposure at the pool.

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