



0904-04-1170: On April 21, 2009, Northeast District Emergency Response Hotline received a call from the Superintendent of the Geneva Waste Water Treatment Plant in Ashtabula County. He reported that there was a red substance spilled into the loading dock of an abandoned manufacturing plant in an industrial park in Geneva. An On Scene Coordinator (OSC) responded to the scene and found that the loading dock was full of red colored water. A sample of the water was collected and

taken back to the District Office and examined under a microscope by a Division of Surface Water biologist. The red material was algae. The drain in the loading dock apparently became plugged causing the loading dock to fill up with rain water. Feces from Canada Geese that were using the loading dock as a pond caused the water to become nutrient rich and produce the algae. The algae incident was reported to Linda Merchant-Masonbrink with Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water's Inland Lakes Program who tracks and records algae incidents in Ohio.