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Lunch and Learn: Cyanobacteria Assessment Network (CyAN) App.

New Tool for the Early Detection of Algal Blooms in U.S. Freshwater Systems



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App Background and Download

Cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms (HABs), which can appear in water bodies across the country, are an indicator of poor water quality and can potentially cause serious environmental and human and aquatic health effects. Historically, monitoring these HABs has been labor intensive and limited due to cost, time, and logistical constraints.

EPA developed the Cyanobacteria Assessment Network Mobile Application (CyAN app) to help local and state water quality managers make faster and better-informed management decisions related to cyanobacterial blooms. It provides an easy to use, customizable interface for accessing algal bloom satellite data for over 2,000 of the largest lakes and reservoirs in the United States.



The **CyAN app** is free and available for download on Google PlayTM. It is designed for use on AndroidTM devices and is compatible with versions 4.2-9.0 (API levels 18-26). It is currently being developed as a web-based app, which will be compatible with most devices.

Download the CyAN app today: epa.gov/water-research/CyANapp

Partnership











CyAN is a multi-agency (NASA, NOAA, USGS and EPA) effort

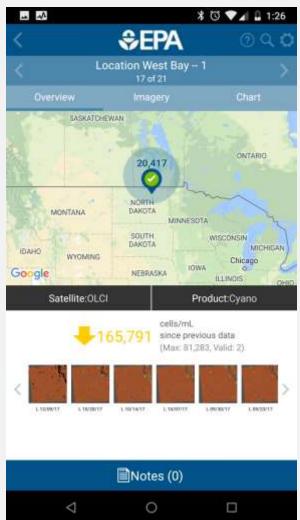
that supports environmental management and public use of US lakes and reservoirs by providing a capability of *detecting and quantifying algal blooms* using satellite data records and disseminating this information through a mobile application developed and hosted by EPA.

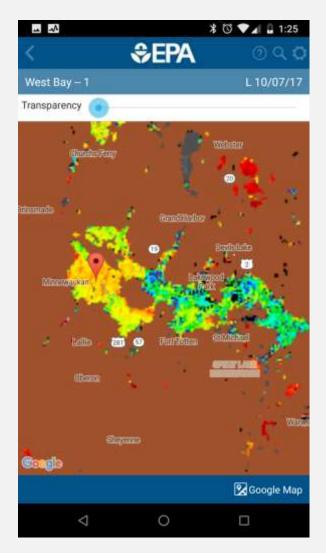
- CyAN Mobile App provides water quality managers with a user-friendly tool that reduces the complexities associated with accessing satellite data to allow fast, efficient, initial assessments across lakes and drinking water reservoirs.
- Data from the Ocean and Land Colour Instruments (OLCI) sensor onboard the European Space Agency Copernicus Sentinel-3 satellite are used in *near real-time* to make initial water quality assessments and quickly alert managers to potential problems and emerging threats related to cyanobacteria.



Mobile App Overview









Weekly Data Behind the Scenes









200,000 cell/mL







Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Weekly composite

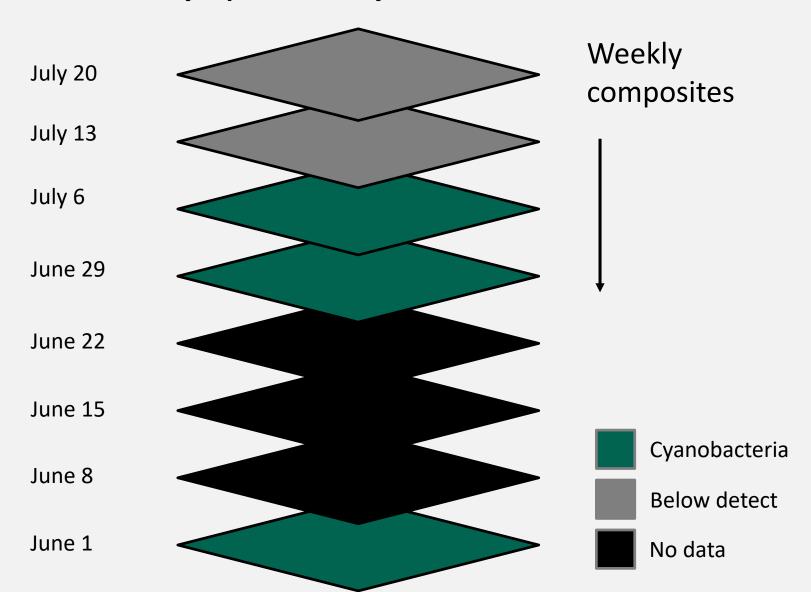


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Is the App Up-to-Date?

Only reports when cyanobacteria is detected.





CyAN App Feedback

Aaron Borisenko,
Oregon Department of
Environmental Quality:

"Moving ahead we want to spread the word about the application and get more eyes on the situation. It is important to identify where blooms are typically occurring **using CyAN app as an early warning system**."

Benjamin Holcomb, Utah Department of Water Quality: "The images we've been receiving through the CyAN project have been tremendously helpful to the Utah Division of Water Quality (UDWQ), providing the foundation for a wide range of useful outputs. It allows UDWQ to better target field sampling and more efficiently use our limited resources to protect public health. Finally, images are easily shared with response agencies as a useful visual communication aid."

Angela Shambaugh, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation:

"Large lakes like Lake Champlain have an extremely patchy distribution of cyanobacteria due to varying environmental conditions and lake shape. The CyAN app helps viewers **visualize that patchiness and provides additional context** for our [cyanobacterial] Tracker Map which shares data gathered by our cyanobacteria monitoring program."

Daniela Gurlin,
Wisconsin Department
of Natural Resources:

"The CyAN app provides our water resources specialists a tool to access **near real-time satellite data products for detecting and quantifying algal blooms in hundreds of lakes across Wisconsin**. Simple map navigation and minimal steps required to mark locations and view the latest images make this app a useful tool for responding to questions related to the potential presence of harmful algal blooms in specific lakes. Time series images and blooming charts provide additional insights into the temporal dynamics and intensities of algal blooms at a particular location."

Bart Johnsen-Harris, Environment America:

"From Florida to the Great Lakes to California, we are seeing widespread outbreaks of toxic algae in our waterways. As I work on these issues and advocate for clean water policy, **CyAN has proved to be a uniquely helpful tool**. I expect that scientists, lawmakers, and concerned citizens alike will benefit from these maps."

Lenard Long,
Lake Cascade Citizen
Scientist Monitoring
Group:

"Our goal is to **enhance the community's ability to rapidly respond to and manage the growing threat posed by toxic algae** by reducing human controlled nutrient pollution; the CyAN app helps us do that.... the CyAN app has been extremely useful...."

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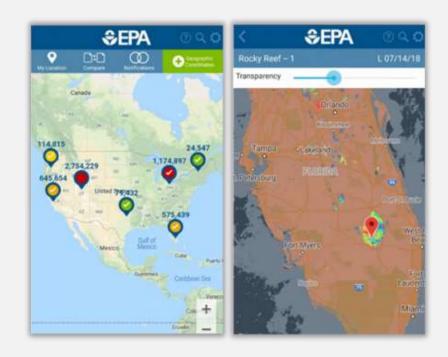
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Step-by-Step Training





Single point location example







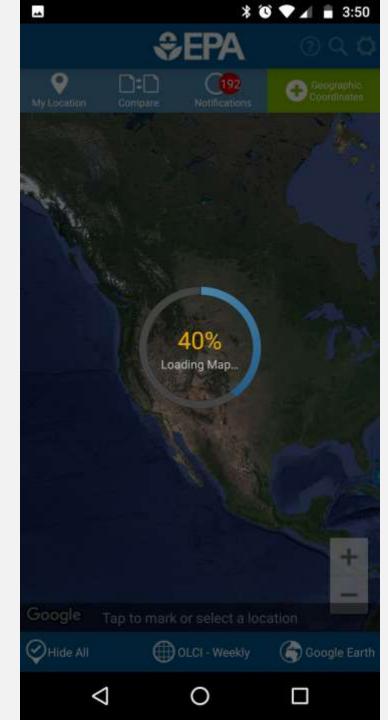
























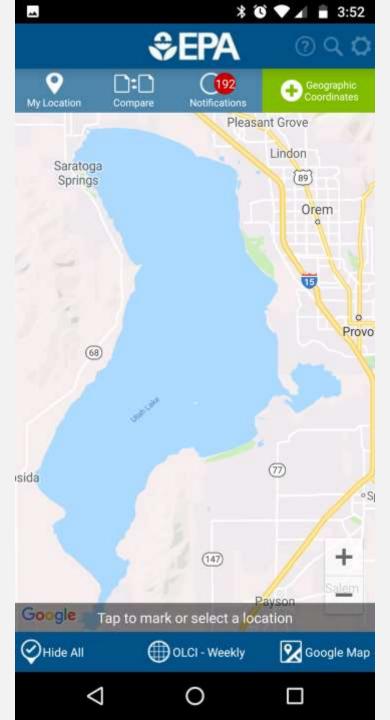




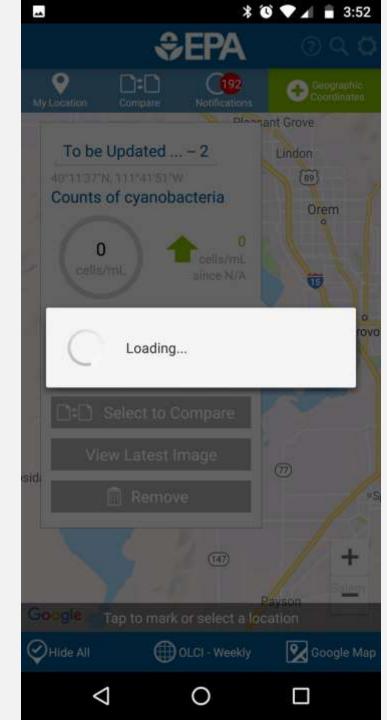




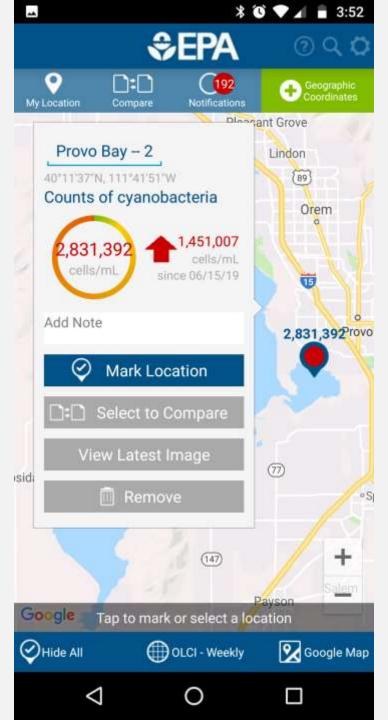








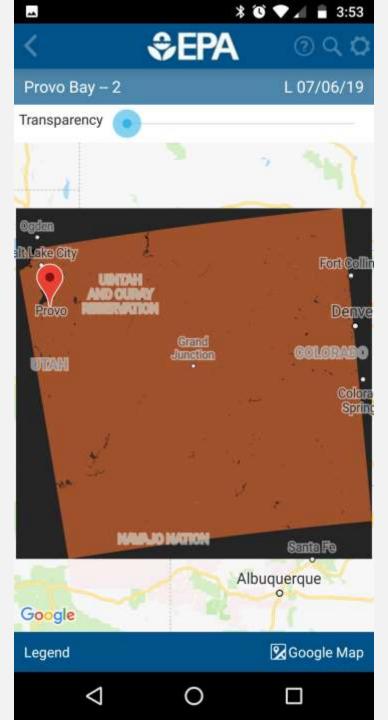




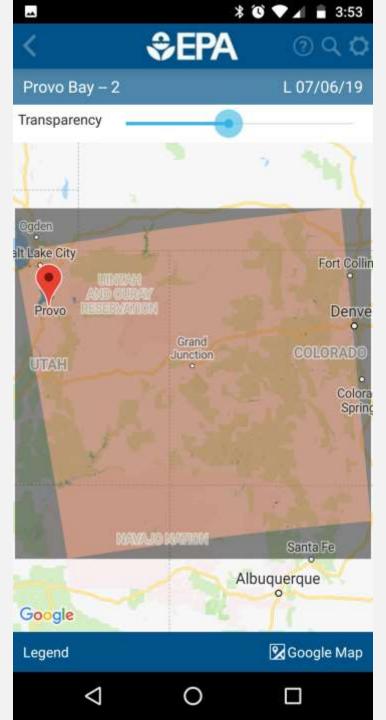




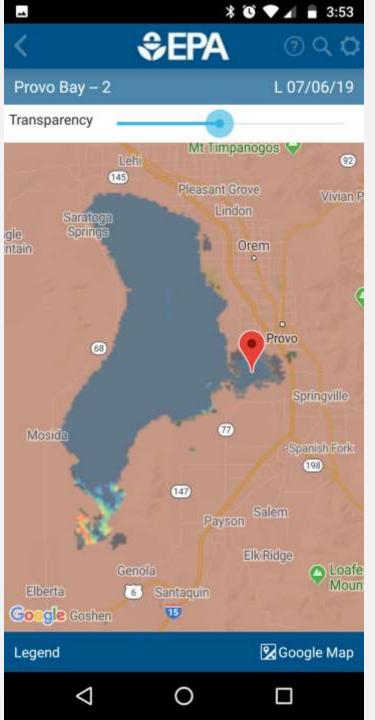




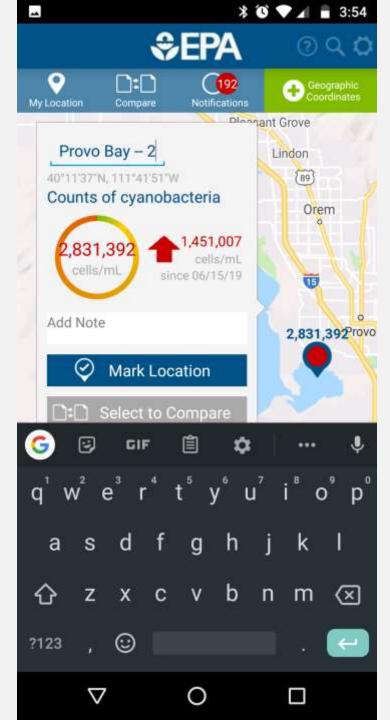




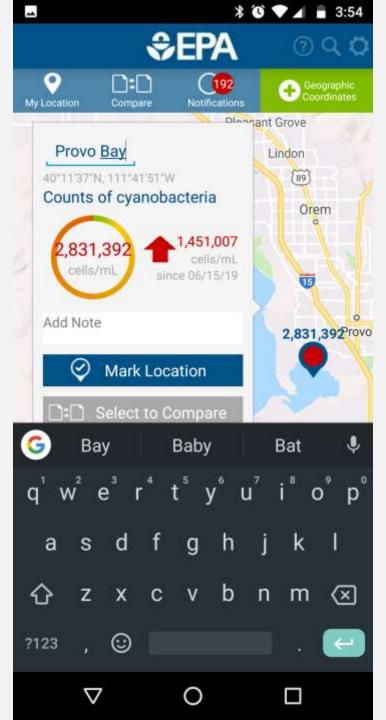




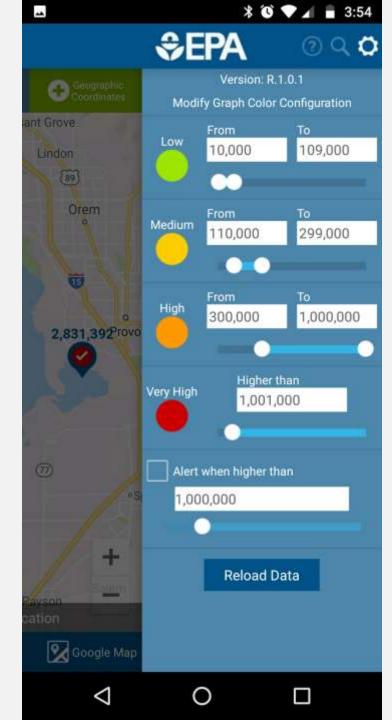




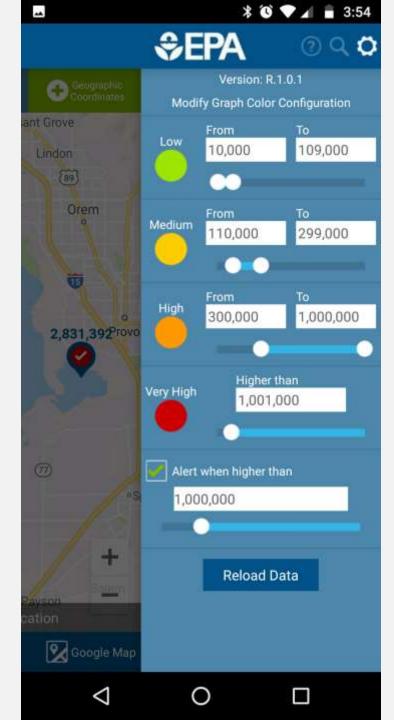




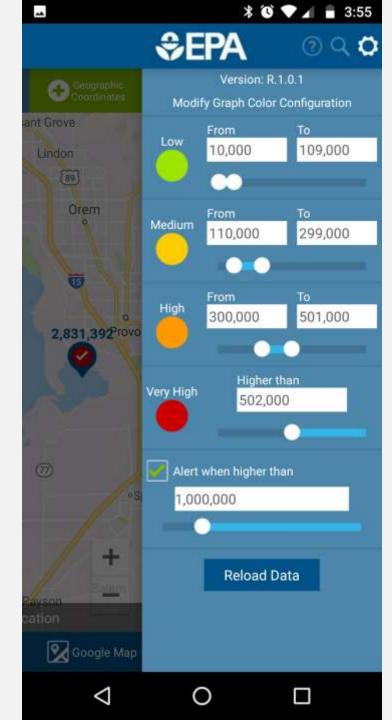




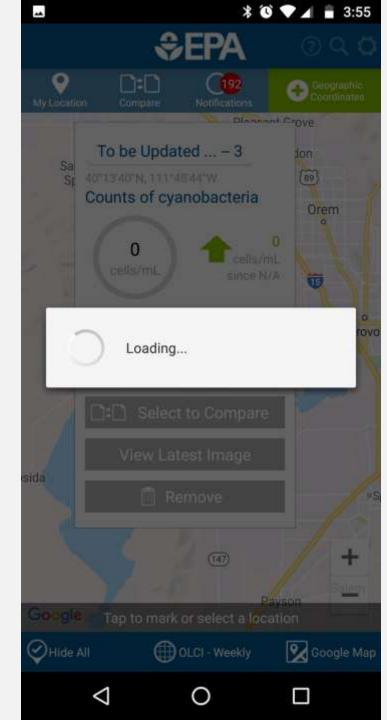




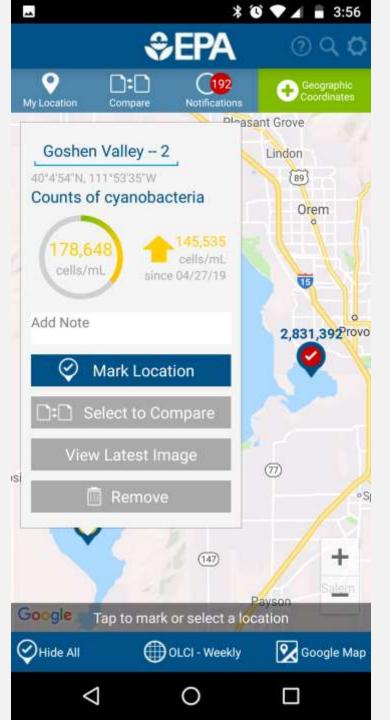








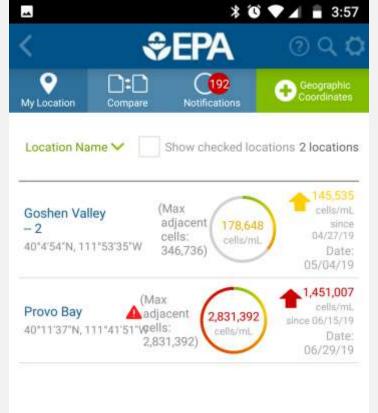










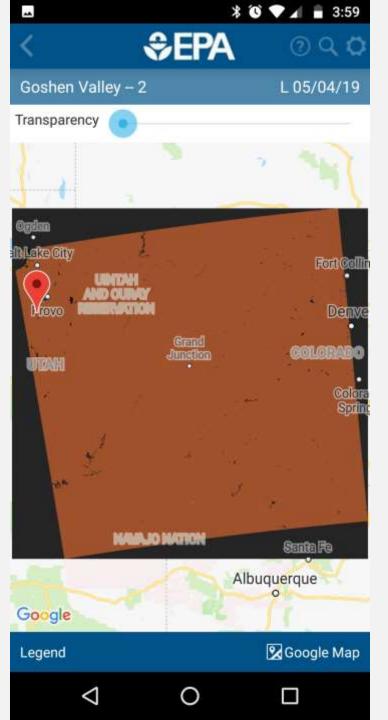




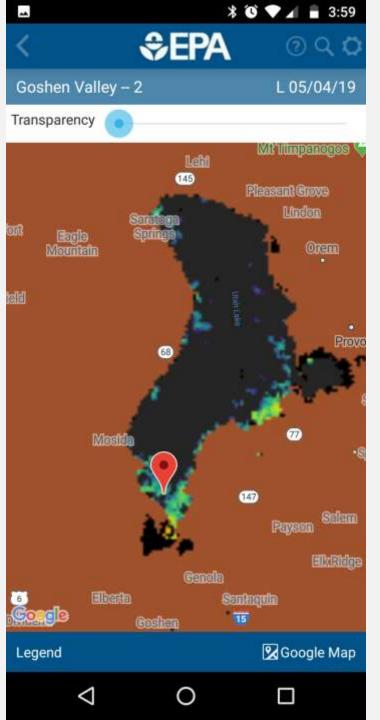




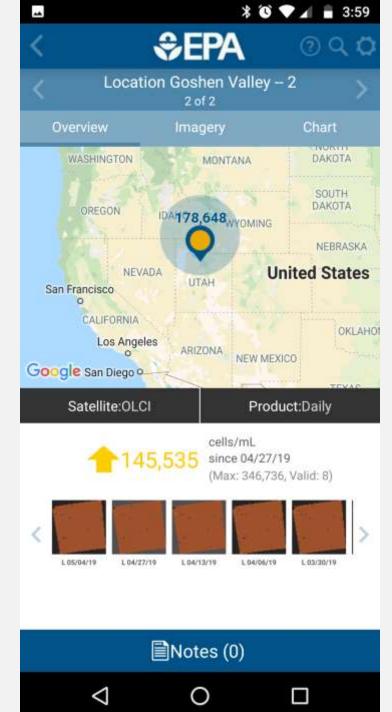




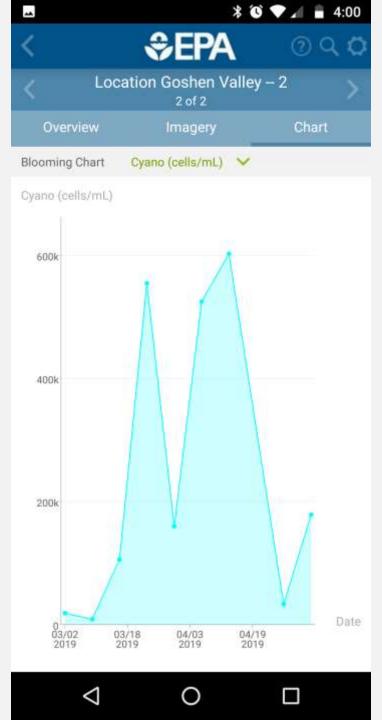








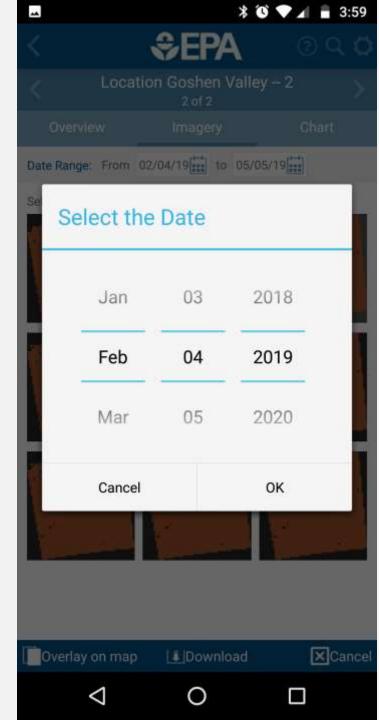




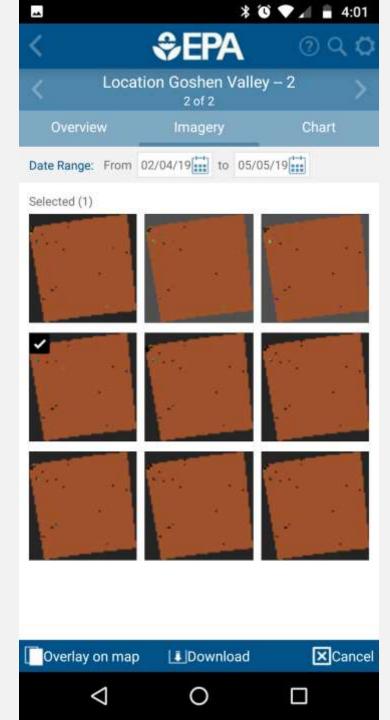




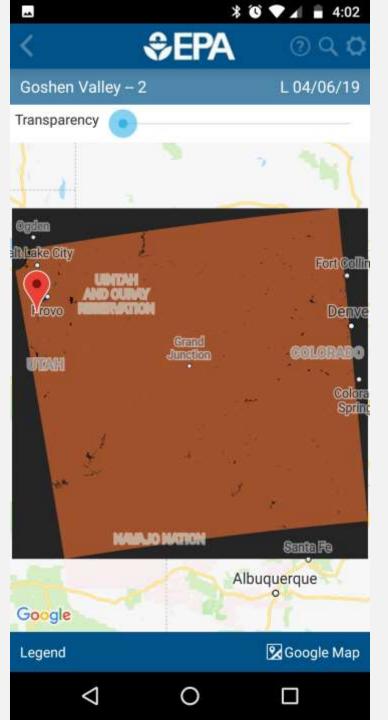








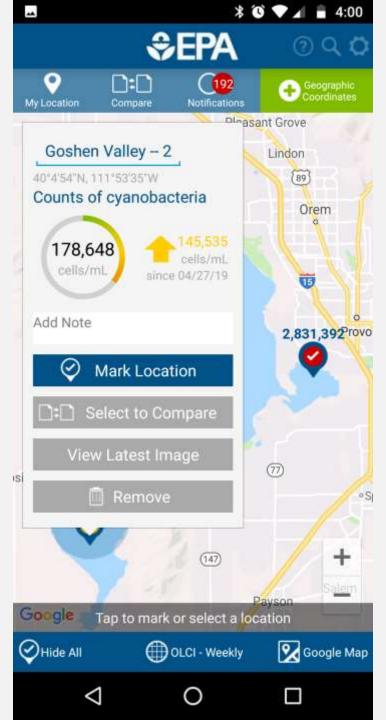






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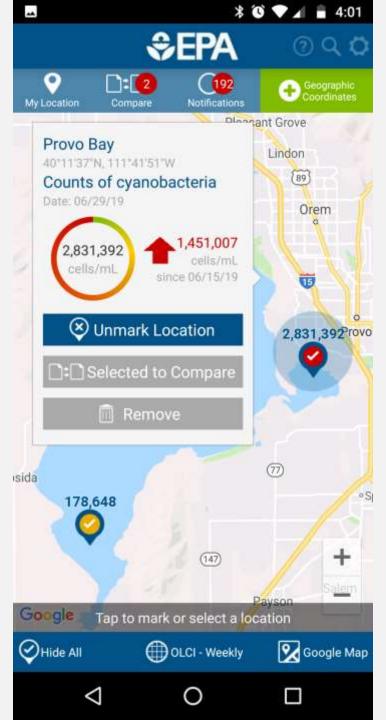




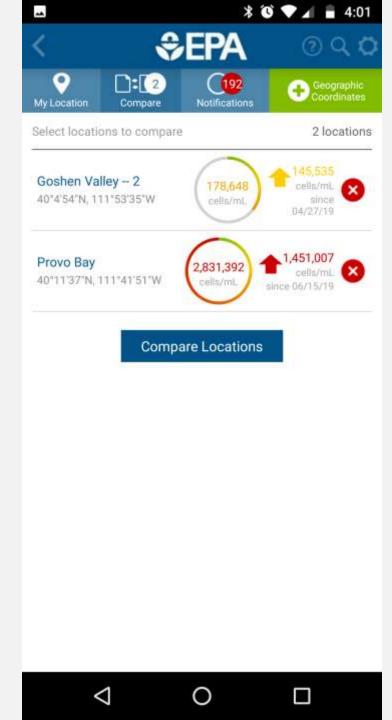










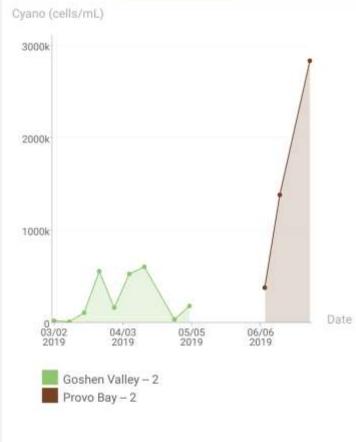








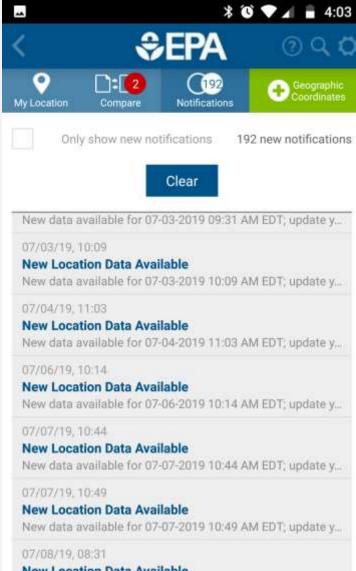






Notifications





New Location Data Available

New data available for 07-08-2019 08:31 AM EDT; update y...

07/12/19, 08:43

New Location Data Available

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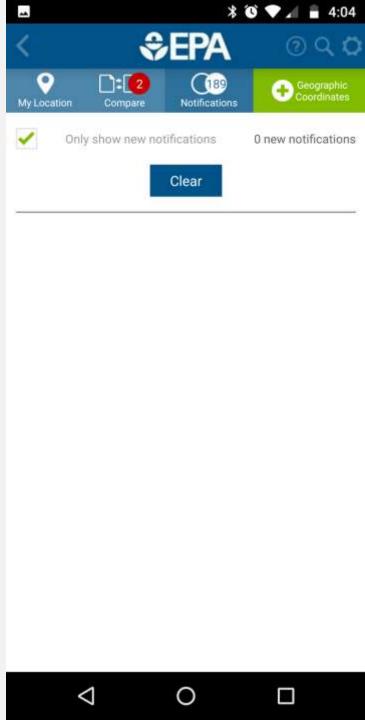


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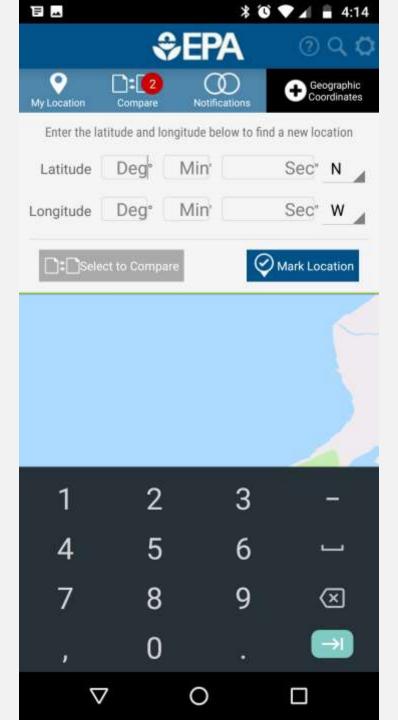


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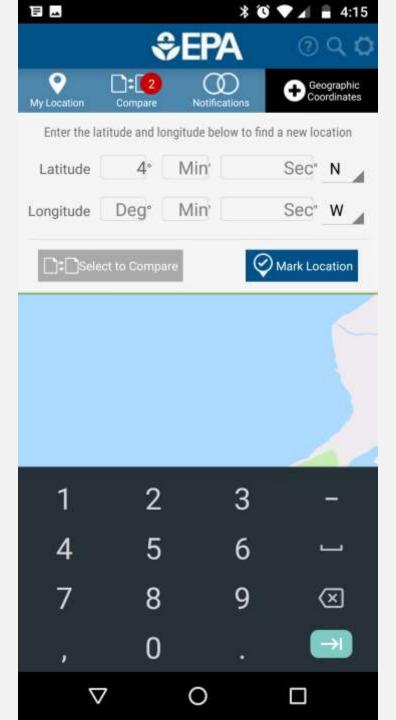




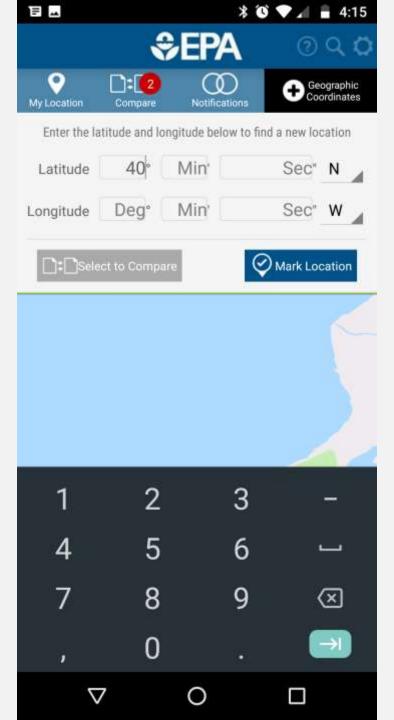




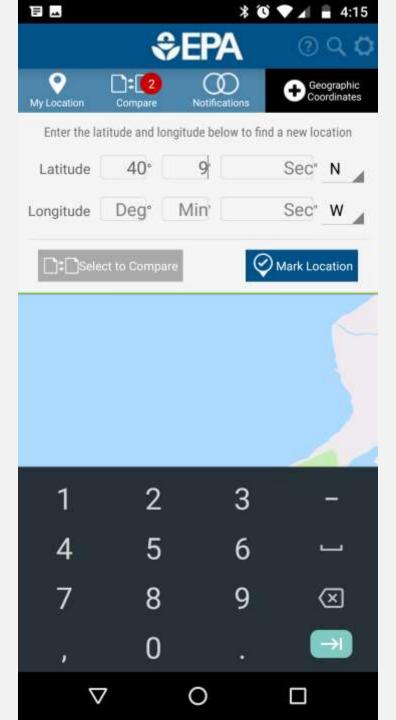




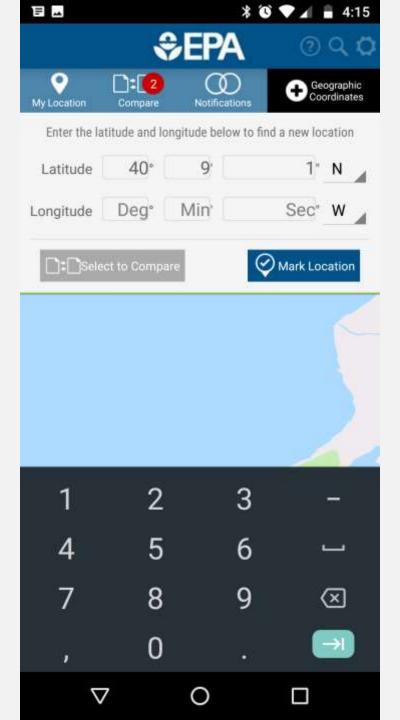




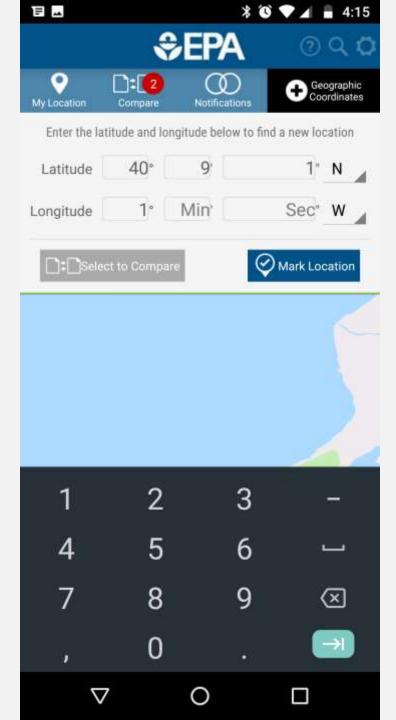




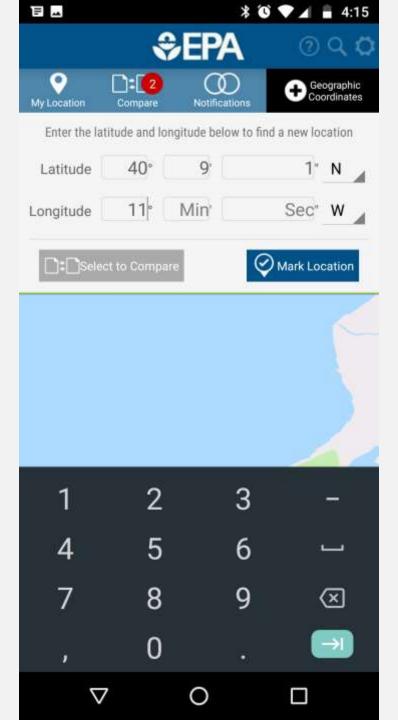




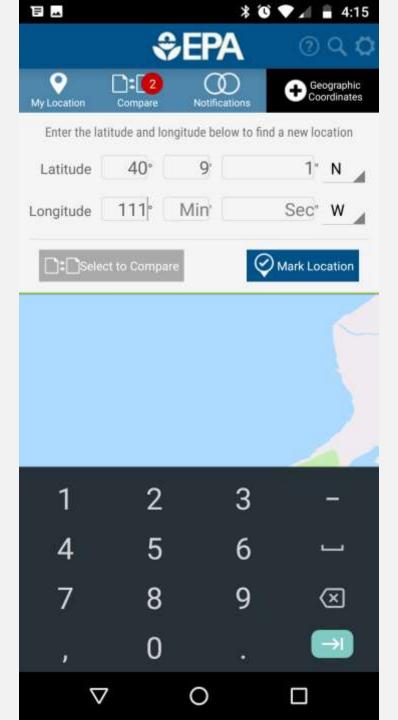




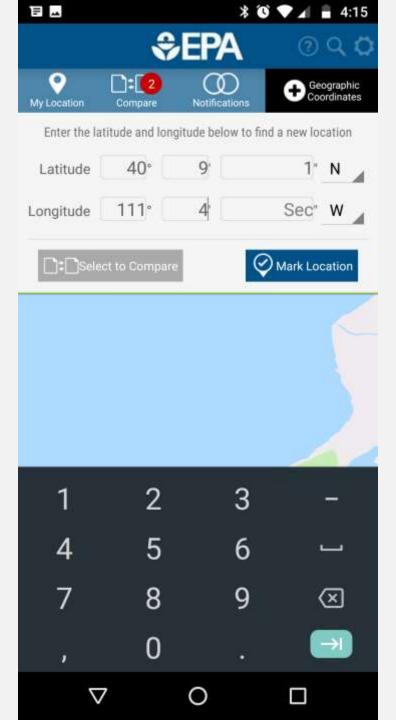




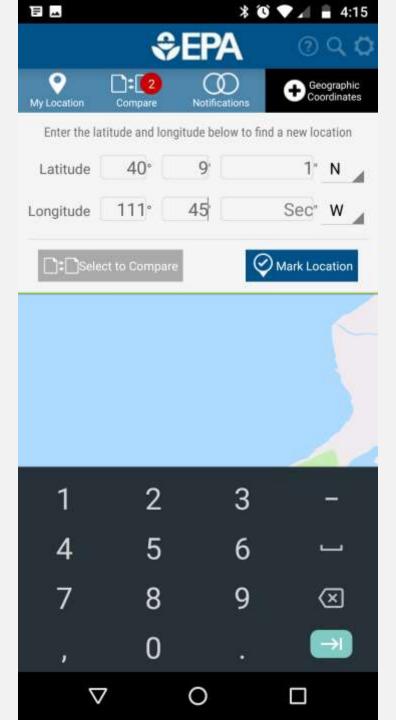




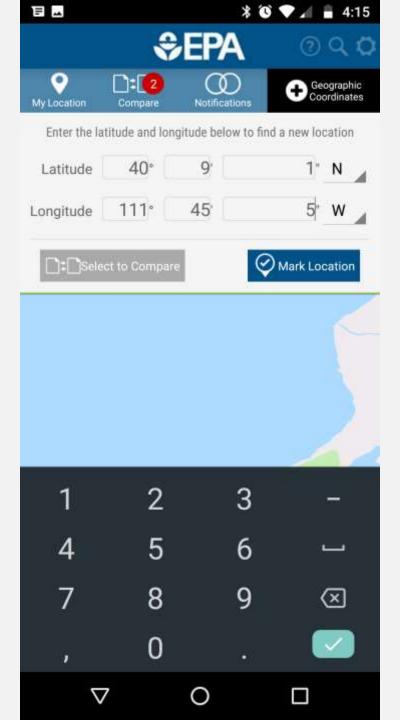




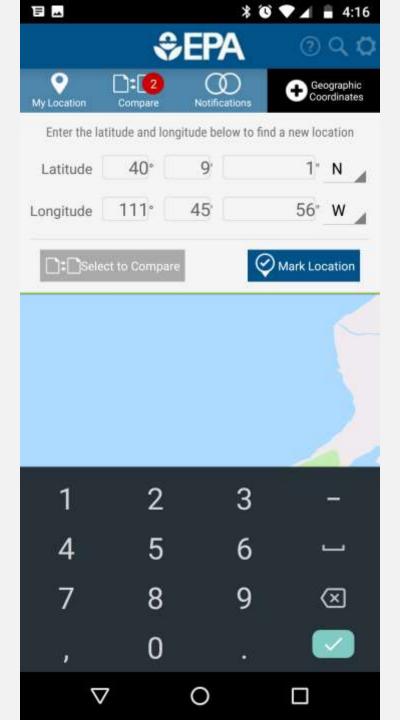




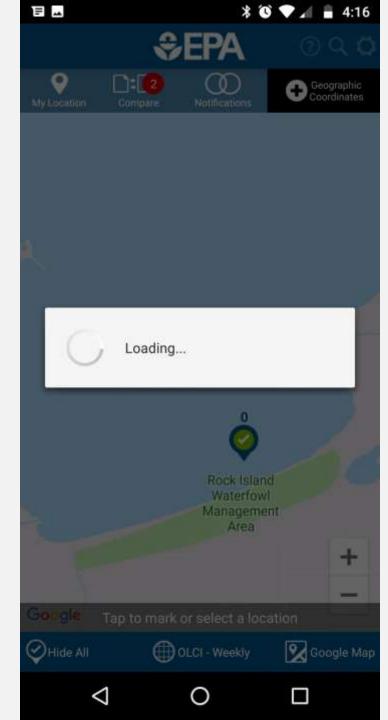




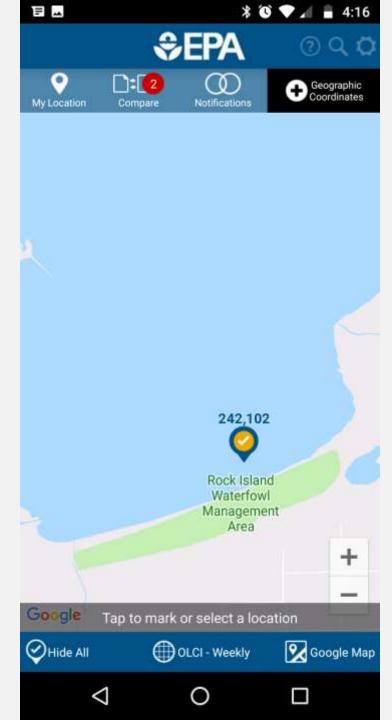








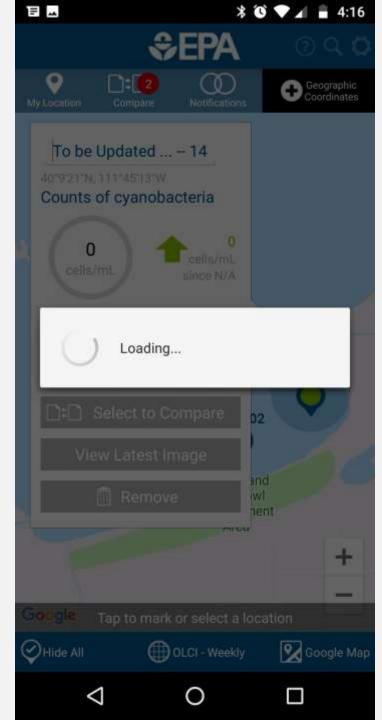




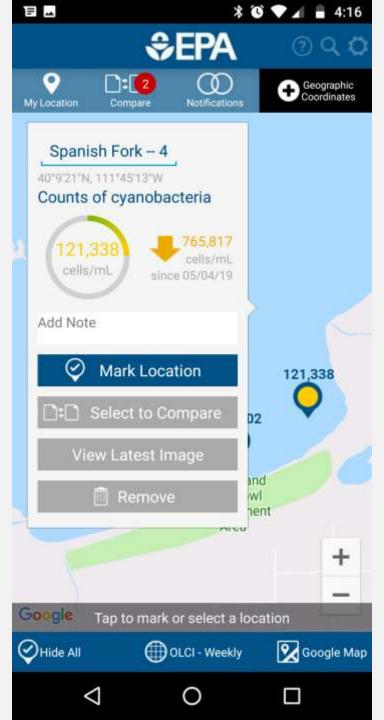


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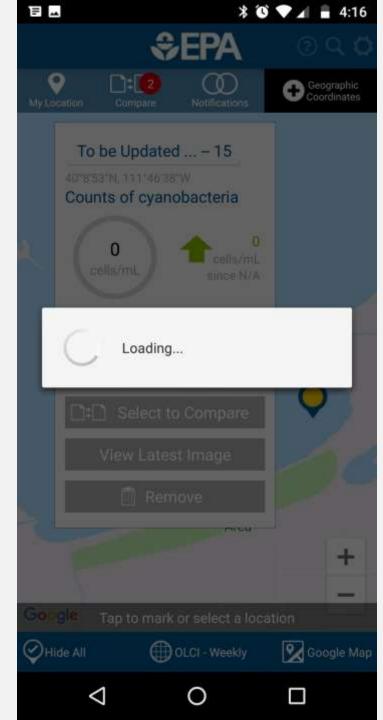




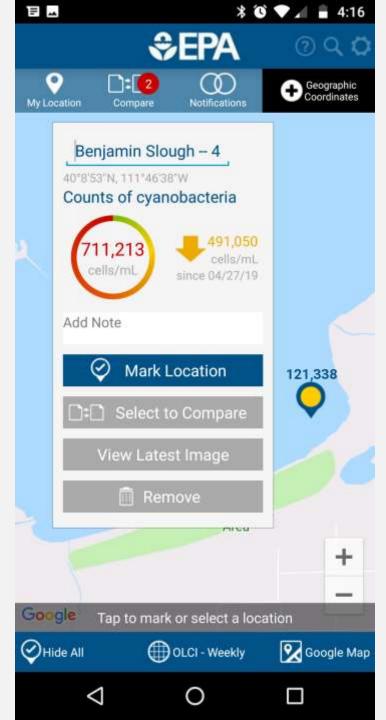








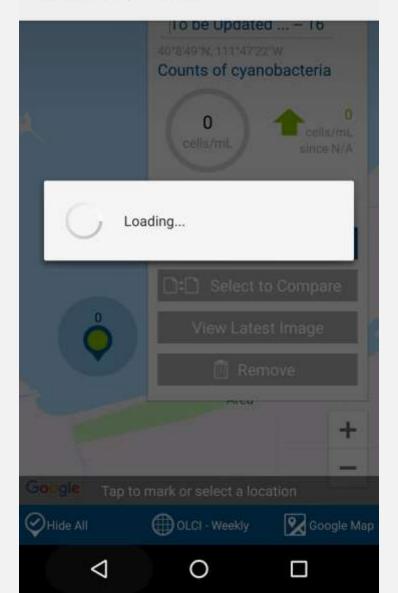




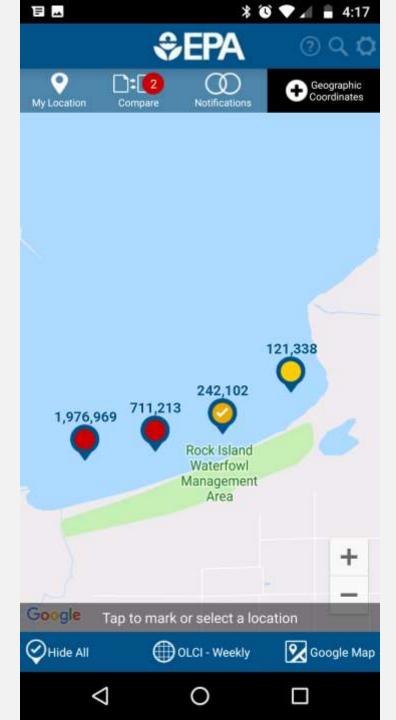




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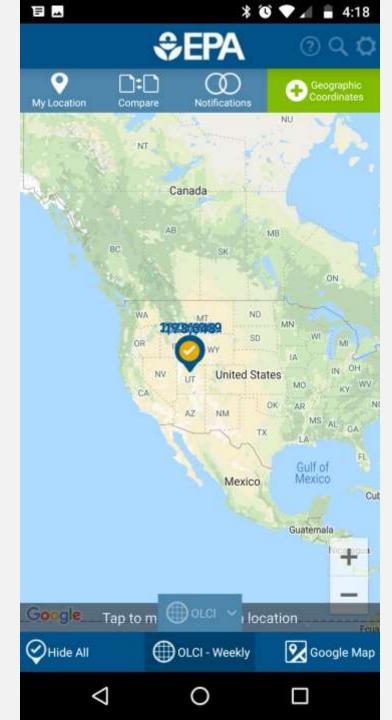


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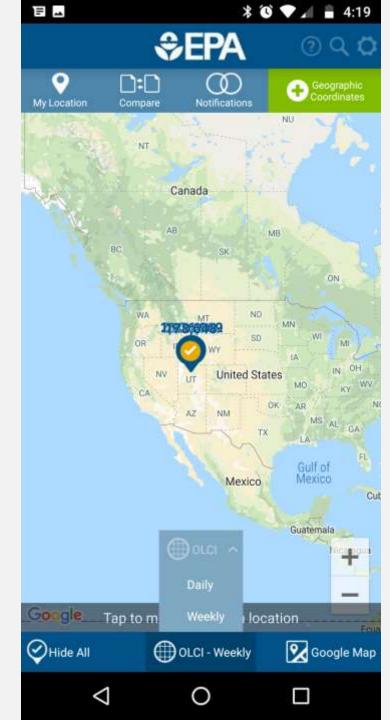




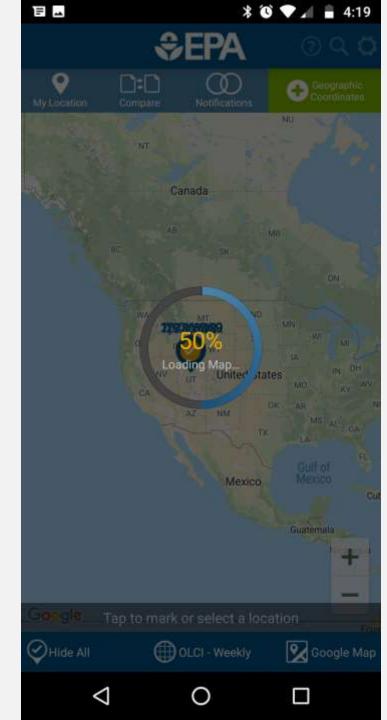








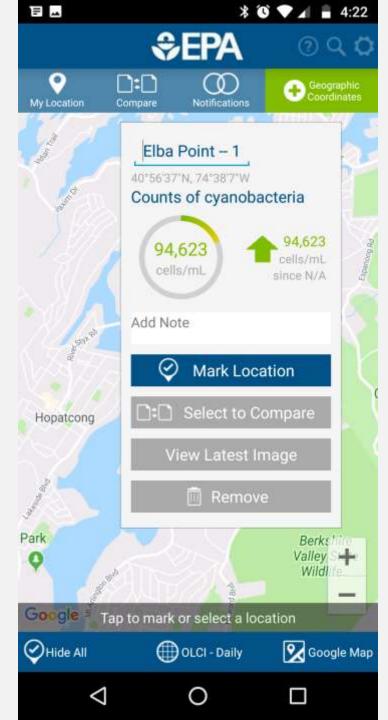




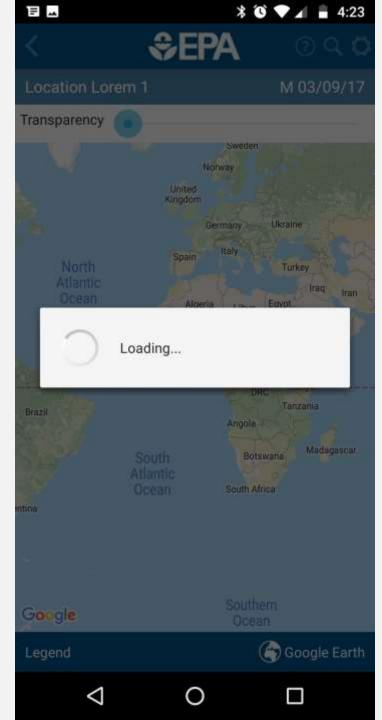




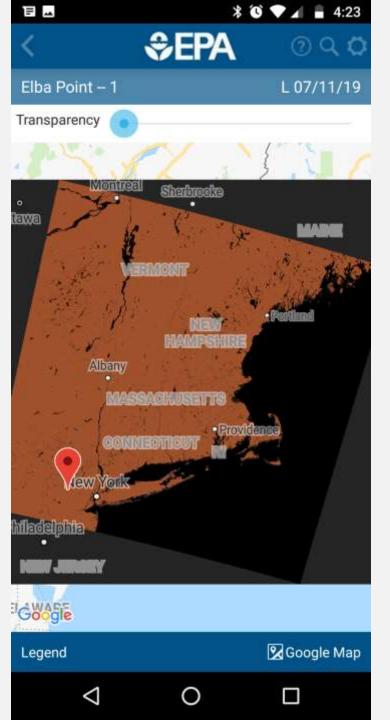








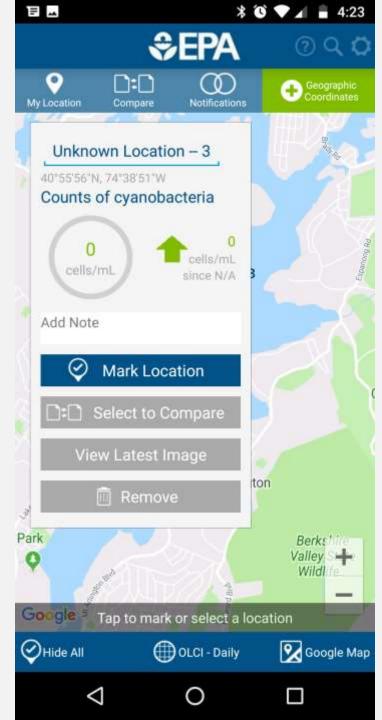




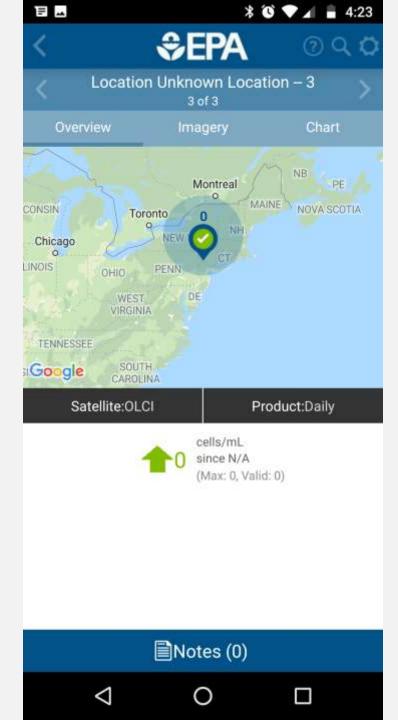


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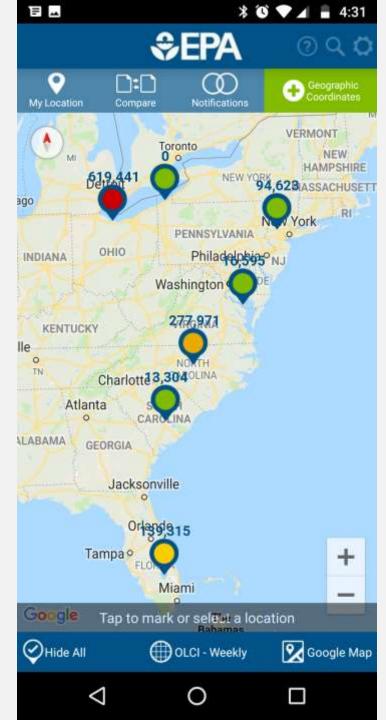






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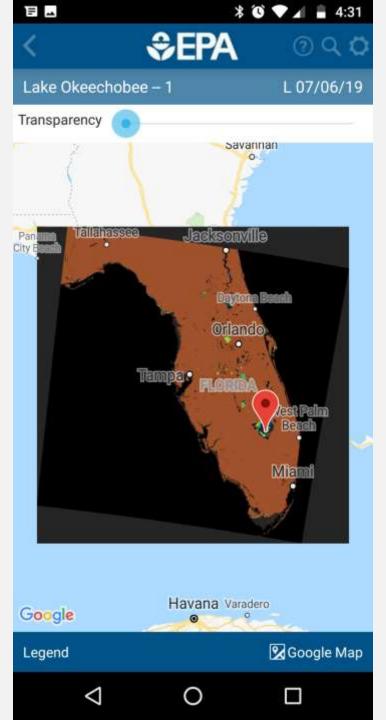




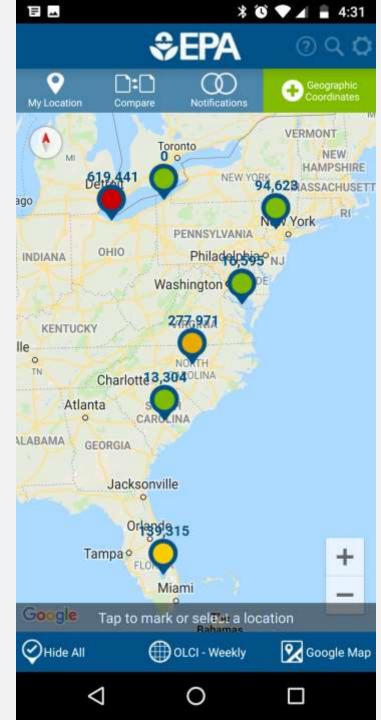




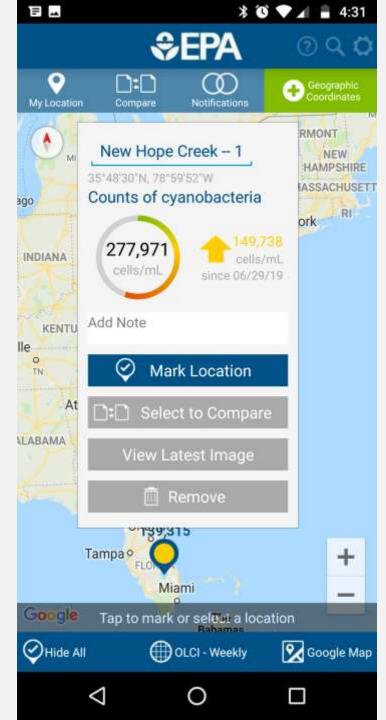




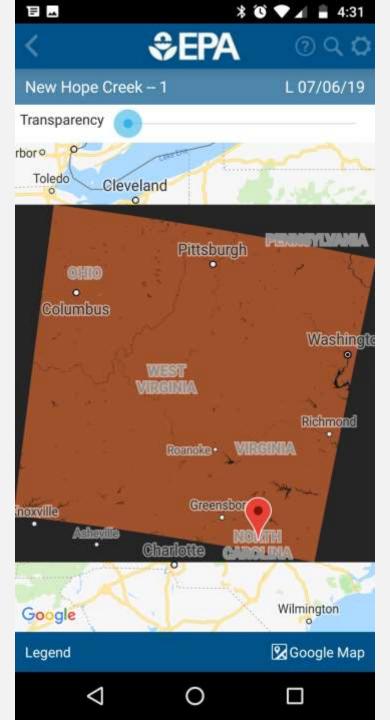




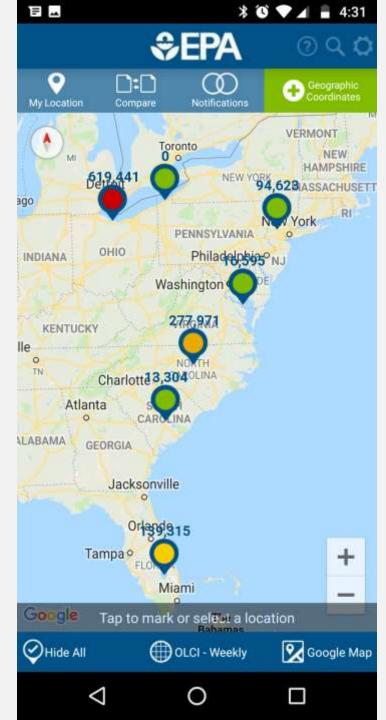




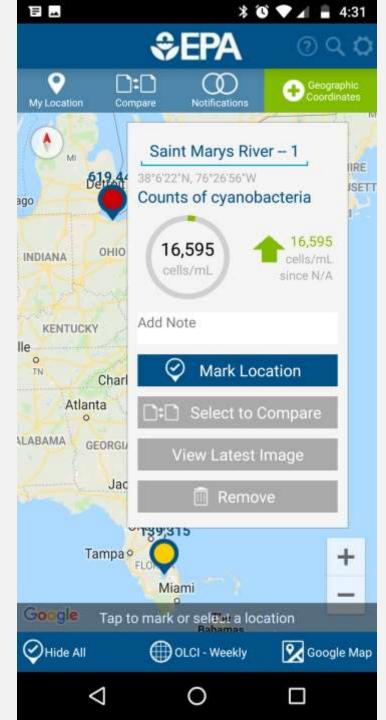




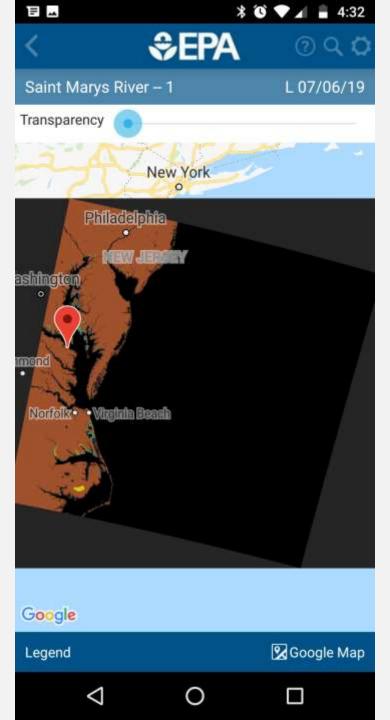




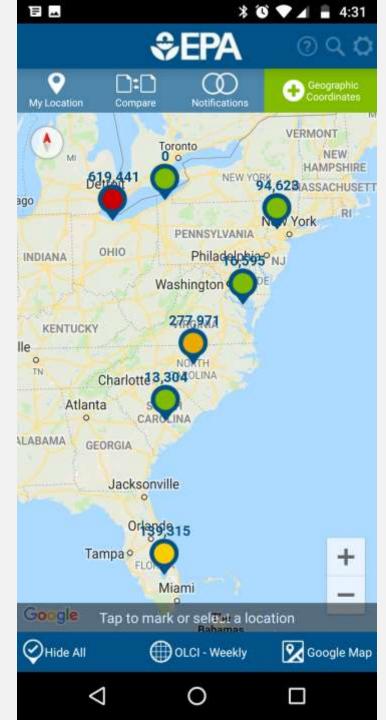




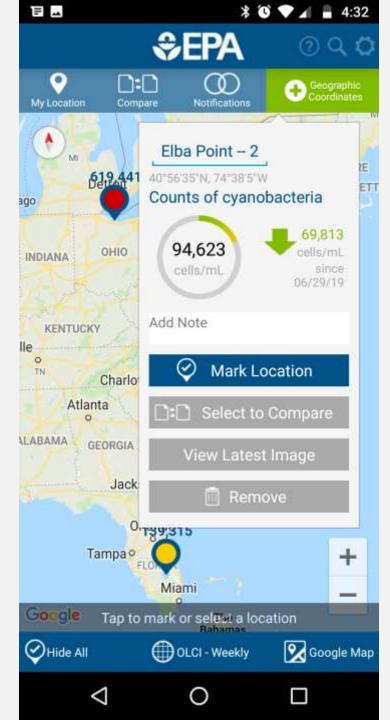








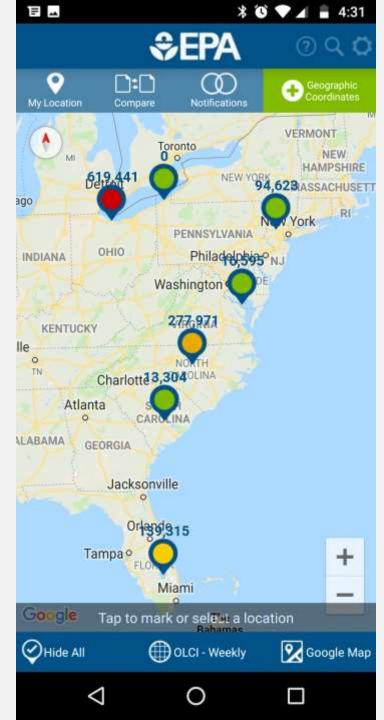












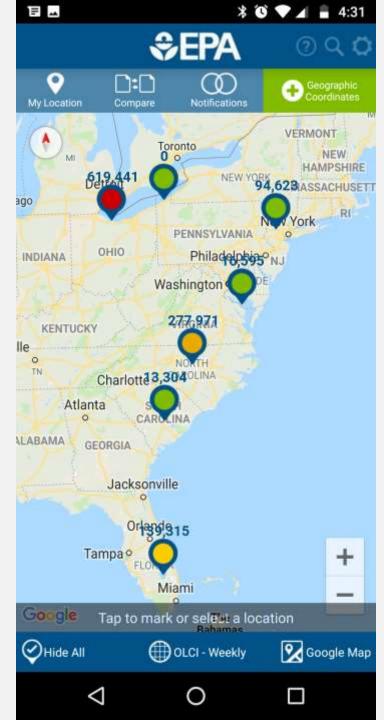














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