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Health advisory **rescinded** for portion of beach

PENSACOLA -- Effective immediately, the Escambia County (FL) Health Department is rescinding the health advisory issued on June 8, 2010 for the following beach waters in Escambia County, Florida, that were affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill:

the Florida-Alabama line to the entrance of the Perdido Unit, Gulf Islands National Seashore

The health department is rescinding its health advisory now that government officials verify that there is no oil sheen or oil slick observed in the water from the high water mark out to 100 yards from shore. Officials continue to recommend that beachgoers avoid contact with tar balls. However, if an individual's skin comes into contact with tar:

- 1.) Wash with soap and large amounts of water. Health officials discourage the use of gasoline, kerosene or other solvents to clean oil from skin.
- 2.) If tar is not removed with soap and water, scrape off the excess tar from your skin and apply a grease removing agent – such as a liquid grease-fighting dish detergent -- or mineral oil. Rinse your skin with large amounts of fresh water.
- 3.) Remove contaminated clothing.
- 4.) If symptoms or irritation occur, call a physician.

Government officials continue to monitor the water for impact from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

For more information contact:

- o Escambia County Health Department at (850)595-6700 and www.EscambiaHealth.com
- o Escambia County Citizen's Information Line at 471-6600 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CDT (Monday – Sunday) or www.EscambiaDisasterResponse.com
- o Florida Oil Spill Information Line at (888)337-3569

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