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Health Alert

PENSACOLA -- Effective immediately, in response to bacteriological sampling only, the Health Department is issuing a health alert for the following bathing area in Escambia County:

Gulf of Mexico at Gulf Islands National Seashore-Johnson Beach Area

A health alert remains in effect for the following bathing areas:

Bayou Chico at Lakewood Park

Bayou Grande, Navy Point-North of Sunset Avenue Bridge

The Health Department advises against any water-related activities at the above locations due to the potential for high bacteria levels. The bacteriological sampling occurred during weekly water quality monitoring activities and the level of bacteria has exceeded the level established by state guidelines.

We will continue to monitor the water quality in these areas weekly and routinely advise the public of our results. For more information contact the Escambia County Health Department at 595-6786.

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