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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN OKALOOSA COUNTY ISSUES A HEALTH ADVISORY FOR SANTA ROSA SOUND



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FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.— The Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa) has issued a health advisory for Santa Rosa Sound in Mary Esther due to a wastewater release. The health advisory is in place from Misty Water Lane to Hurlburt Field Air Force Base.

Waters contaminated with wastewater presents several health hazards to humans and may contain untreated human sewage with microbes that could cause gastro-intestinal and other diseases. Anyone who comes into contact with the affected waterway should wash thoroughly, especially before eating or drinking. Children and older adults, as well as people with weakened immune systems, are particularly vulnerable to disease so every precaution should be taken if in contact with the affected waters.

Jacobs Engineering Group is performing water quality monitoring and testing, and once satisfactory results are achieved, the health advisory will be lifted through a future press release.

For more information about the potential health effects of wastewater overflow, residents and visitors are encouraged to contact DOH-Okaloosa at (850) 833-9247 or visit www.healthyokaloosa.com.

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