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Health Alert

PENSACOLA -- Effective immediately, the Health Department is rescinding the health alerts for the following bathing areas in Escambia County:

Bayou Chico at Lakewood Park

Bayou Texar at Bayview Park

The Health Department feels that water quality in these areas has improved considerably due to the reduction in bacteria levels.

Effective immediately, the Health Department is issuing a health alert for the following area:

Bayou Grande, Navy Point-South of Gibbs Road

The Health Department advises against any water-related activities at the above location 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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