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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.

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HEALTH ALERT

PENSACOLA, FL – Effective immediately, in response to bacteriological sampling, the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (DOH-Escambia) is rescinding the health alerts for the following beaches in Escambia County, Florida:

Bayou Grande, Navy Point - North of Sunset Avenue Bridge**Bayou Texar at Bayview Park**

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

A health alert remains in effect for Bayou Chico at Lakewood Park.

The DOH-Escambia advises against any water-related activities at the above location due to the potential for high bacteria levels. The bacteriological sampling occurred during 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 and advise the public of our results. For more information, contact the DOH-Escambia's Environmental Health office at 850/595-6700 or visit www.EscambiaHealth.com.

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