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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, the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (DOH-Escambia) is issuing a health alert for the following area in Escambia County, Florida:

Escambia River south of Becks Lake Road

Recent excessive rain has placed an increased load on the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) Central Waste Water Facility resulting in the release of partially-treated sewage into the wetlands that lead to Escambia River.

DOH-Escambia advises against any water-related activities due to the potential for high bacteria levels.

In addition to the alert above, DOH-Escambia wants to emphasize that all flood waters including surface waters will be affected with potentially high bacteria counts due to the excessive storm water runoff and sewage overflows.

We will continue to monitor the situation until the alert is rescinded. For more information, contact the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County at 595-6700.

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