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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:

Bayou Texar

Recent excessive rain has placed an increased load on the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority's (ECUA) sewage system and a break has occurred near the 2600 Block of Bayou Boulevard resulting in the release of raw sewage into Bayou Texar.

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

In addition to the above alert, 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We will continue to monitor the situation until the alert is rescinded.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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