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5,100 GALLONS OF RAW SEWAGE RELEASED IN PANAMA CITY DUE TO LIFT STATION MALFUNCTION

Bay CHD advises against swimming in Johnson Bayou until further notice



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Panama City, Fla. –The City of Panama City is reporting a release of **5,100 gallons of raw sewage**. This is due to a lift station malfunction at **801 W 12th Street, Panama City**. The release did enter a storm drain that releases into **Johnson Bayou**. Clean up actions are now complete.

Sewage contamination of water can expose swimmers to **intestinal viruses, bacteria, and parasites**. Swimming in the water may cause **symptoms like food poisoning** with vomiting and diarrhea. **Infection is possible in open cuts and wounds** that come in contact with the water.

The Bay County Health Department **advises against swimming in all of Johnson Bayou waterways until further notice**. The **City of Panama City will test** the water and share results with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Bay County Health Department. **Once levels are safe, the advisory will be lifted**.

For more information, contact the Bay CHD's Environmental Health at 850-481-4806 or visit Bay.FloridaHealth.gov.

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