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ADVISORY RESCINDED FOR MASSALINA BAYOU AFTER RAW SEWAGE SPILL



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Panama City, Fla. –An advisory for Massalina Bayou in Panama City is rescinded. The advisory was issued February 3 following a release of 47,056 gallons of raw sewage due to a mechanical failure. The raw sewage did enter Massalina Bayou.

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 Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) **is rescinding the advisory for Massalina Bayou**. DOH-Bay advises persons with open cuts or wounds to avoid entering bodies of water to prevent infection.

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

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