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**Florida Department of Health in Bay County Healthy Beaches
Monitoring Program
Public Service Announcement**



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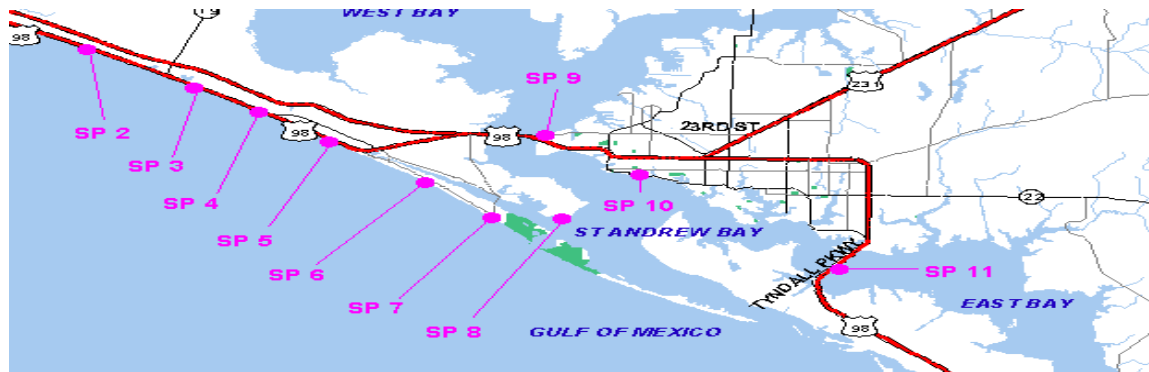
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Panama City, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Bay County conducts saltwater beach water quality monitoring in accordance with the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program. Water samples are collected twice a month between March and October. The samples are analyzed for enteric bacteria that normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals, and may cause human disease, infections or rashes. The presence of enteric bacteria is an indication of fecal pollution, which may come from storm water runoff, pets and wildlife, and human sewage. Poor results are posted as an “Advisory” at the affected beaches and those beaches are re-sampled the following week.

An advisory has been issued for the PCB Beach Access #41 (aka Beckrich Road) (SP 5) sampling location. There are no other advisories in effect.

If you have any questions, please contact the Florida Department of Health in Bay County at 850-481-4806, or visit the Department of Health’s Internet Beach Water Quality website (<http://www.floridahealth.gov/healthy-environments/beach-water-quality/index.html>).



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