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**LYNN HAVEN BAYOU, PORTION OF NORTH BAY, AND ANDERSON BAYOU UNDER ADVISORY AFTER MULTIPLE RAW SEWAGE RELEASES**

***City of Lynn Haven reports multiple raw sewage releases totaling approximately 1,571,000-gallons***



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**Panama City, Fla. –** The City of Lynn Haven is reporting multiple releases totaling approximately of **1,571,000 gallons of raw sewage**. This is due to **overflowing manholes throughout the city and three lift stations overflowing due to heavy rains during tropical Storm Fred**. The releases entered **storm drains that drain into Lynn Haven Bayou, North Bay, and Anderson Bayou**. Cleanup actions have been completed.

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) **advises against swimming in North Bay between and including Lynn Haven Bayou and Anderson Bayou**.

The **City of Lynn Haven is testing** the water and will share results with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Health in Bay County. **Once levels are safe, the advisory will be lifted**.

For more information, contact the DOH-Bay's Environmental Health office at 850-481-4806 or visit [Bay.FloridaHealth.gov](http://Bay.FloridaHealth.gov).

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