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**ALL OF POSTON BAYOU UNDER ADVISORY AFTER RAW SEWAGE  
RELEASE**  
*City of Panama City reports approximately 195,000-gallons raw sewage  
release*



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**Panama City, Fla.** –The City of Panama City is reporting a release of approximately **195,000 gallons of raw sewage**. This is due to a **lift station failure in the 4200 block of West 20<sup>th</sup> Street**. The release entered a **storm drain feeds into Poston 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 Poston Bayou**. The **City of Panama City will test** the water and share results with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and DOH-Bay. **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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