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**1,500 GALLONS OF RAW SEWAGE RELEASED IN ST. ANDREWS BAY  
DUE TO EQUIPMENT POWER FAILURE  
DOH-Bay Advises Against Swimming in the area**



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**Panama City, Fla.** –The City of Panama City is reporting a release of **1,500 gallons of raw sewage**. This is due to a force main power failure at **504 Corto Street, Panama City**, near the St. Andrews Yacht Club. The release did enter a storm drain that discharges into **St. Andrews Bay**. 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 Florida Department of Health in Bay County, DOH-Bay, **advises against swimming in in St. Andrews Bay from Bunkers Point** (E Beach Drive and Cherry Street) to **Sudduth Point** (Sudduth Avenue) **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 DOH-Bay's Environmental Health Division at 850-481-4806 or visit [Bay.FloridaHealth.gov](http://Bay.FloridaHealth.gov).

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