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ADVISORY FOR PORTION OF WATSON BAYOU LIFTED

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Panama City, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) is **lifting the advisory for** a portion of Watson Bayou from **East 8th Street south to East 3rd Street.**

The advisory was issued on July 26, 2021 following a release of approximately **12,750 gallons of raw sewage**. This was due to two lift stations overflowing, one at 1710 Business Highway 98 and one at 818 East 7th Court. The release entered **Watson 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.

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

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