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Sewage Discharge Affecting Port Hueneme and Oxnard Beaches

OXNARD, California – On April 21, 2026, the Ventura County Environmental Health Division (Division) was notified by Oxnard Water Resources Recovery Facility that an estimated 12,000 gallons of primary treated wastewater effluent was discharged through the city's offshore outfall.

The spill has been halted.

Warning signs will be posted at the following beaches. The beaches from Port Hueneme Beach Park south to the Point Mugu Naval Base will remain closed until samples indicate that the ocean water quality meets State standards. An interactive map of these closures can be found at <https://rma.venturacounty.gov/ocean-water-quality-sampling-results>.

- Port Hueneme Beach Park
- Ormond Beach at J Street
- Ormond Beach at Industrial Drain
- Ormond Beach at Arnold Road

All Ventura County beaches continue to remain under a “Rainfall Advisory” due to recent rainfall. The Division recommends that surfers and swimmers stay out of the water. There is a potential for stormwater runoff to carry disease causing bacteria to the beaches and into the ocean water. Contact with this runoff water will result in an increased risk to human health and should be avoided for at least 72 hours after all rainfall activity has ended.

The Ocean Water Quality Monitoring Program staff will continue with weekly bacteriological sampling of Ventura County beaches. Bacteriological sample results for specific beaches are also available on the Environmental Health Division hotline (recorded information) at (805) 662-6555, and on the Division’s Web page at <https://rma.venturacounty.gov/ocean-water-quality-monitoring-program>.

You can also view any current beach advisories and learn about the State ocean water quality standards on the VC Safe Beaches app, available for Android and Apple devices.

For questions and further information regarding this incident, please contact the Oxnard Water Resources Recovery Facility at (805) 271-2200.

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