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Sewage Discharge Affecting Port Hueneme and Oxnard Beaches

OXNARD, California – On February 7, 2025, the Ventura County Environmental Health Division (Division) was notified by Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant that an 80,000-gallon sewage release occurred near Perkins Road and discharged into the ocean. The spill has been halted and contained.

Raw sewage may contain disease causing microorganisms. The Division will post warning signs at the following beaches. The beaches 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://vcrma.org/en/ocean-water-quality-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 www.vcrma.org/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 Waste Water Treatment Plant at (805) 271-2219.

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