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Public Service Announcement

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Core Area Wastewater Discharge Notice - UPDATE

Victoria, BC- Extremely heavy rainfall on Monday, February 15 resulted in combined stormwater and wastewater overflows along the shorelines of Greater Victoria. Advisory signage has been posted at beach access points as a precautionary measure. The areas affected extend from Finnerty Point, near Queenswood, to Clover Point, on Dallas Road and from McLoughlin Point west to Saxe Point.

Residents are advised to avoid swimming or wading in waters along these shorelines, as the wastewater may pose a health risk. Wastewater (sewage), heavily diluted by stormwater is now flowing into the ocean at several outfalls in these areas.

Monitoring is ongoing and the Capital Regional District (CRD) has collected water samples along the affected shorelines. As a precaution and in consultation with Island Health and the local municipalities, beaches within the affected areas have been posted with public health advisory signs until sample results indicate enterococci levels are below the 70CFU/100mL recreational limit.

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