



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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TO: LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

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Background: Pursuant to AB 800 the local health officer and the director of environmental health shall immediately notify the public of a discharge of a hazardous substance or sewage to the waters of the state if it is necessary to safeguard public health and safety.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following report was received from the following person or entity on the date set forth below:

REPORTING PERSON OR ENTITY NAME: Carinna Ellison, Fluid Resource Management

ADDRESS: 160 Atascadero Rd, Morro Bay, CA 93442

PHONE: (805) 597-7100

SUBSTANCE OF REPORT:

DESCRIPTION

A broken sewage main at The Inn at Morro Bay located at 60 State Park Road, Morro Bay, CA, caused sewage to daylight on the property and flow into a storm drain, releasing an estimated 7,600 gallons of sewage into Morro Bay Harbor. The release has been mitigated. There is no public beach access at the location of the sewage release. Beach access locations immediately north and south of the sewage release have been posted with advisory signs. Ocean water samples will be collected by Environmental Health Services June 24, 2024, at the beach access locations north and south of the sewage release. The beach closure will remain in place until bacteriological levels are below CA state standards determined safe for ocean water recreation.

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department advises the public to avoid ocean water contact 50 yards north and south of the release location. Contact with ocean water while swimming or surfing may increase the risk for certain types of illnesses such as rashes, fever, chills, ear infections, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Sewage discharge is known to transport high levels of disease-causing organisms such as bacteria, viruses and protozoa to the ocean. Such organisms carried into the ocean can cause skin, respiratory, and intestinal problems. Young children, older adults, and people with compromised immune systems are especially vulnerable to these waterborne pathogens. Surfers, swimmers and others are advised to avoid contact with ocean water during this period. Anyone who inadvertently has contact with ocean water during this time should monitor for symptoms and contact their doctor if symptoms persist or are moderate to severe.

For more information about beach water quality, please visit the Public Health Department Beach Water Quality website at www.SurfSafeSlo.org or call the Ocean Water Monitoring Program Telephone Hotline at (805) 788-3411.

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COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

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