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Health Department Issues Swimming Advisory

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has placed East Beach Old Coast Guard Station (from Tenth Street to Driftwood Street) under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken October 15 show the beach water in this area contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in this area. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The East Beach Old Coast Guard Station area will be retested and the advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

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