

NEWS RELEASE

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Health Department Lifts Advisory for Dallas Bluff Sandbar

MCINTOSH CO., GA - The McIntosh County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for the Dallas Bluff Sandbar in McIntosh County. The advisory was issued on June 8 after water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Subsequent water samples taken showed that the bacteria levels have dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted.

The Dallas Bluff Sandbar area is along the Julenton River from one-half mile upriver of Dallas Bluff Marina to one-half mile downriver. Water from this beach area is routinely tested once a month from April to November.