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Tybee Polk Street Beach Advisory Lifted

CHATHAM COUNTY, GA – The Chatham County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for Polk Street Beach (the northern most part of Tybee Island at the mouth of the Savannah River from the end of the beach to the jetty) on Tybee Island.

The advisory was issued on July 30, 2014 after routine 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 had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted.

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