

Beach Advisory

A sewage spill occurred on January 31, 2008 in Marin County, which impacted Richardson Bay. The influence on the San Francisco Bay was uncertain due to the mixture of storm water, treated and untreated sewage released.

In order to monitor the safety of the Alameda County beaches, standard testing of marine water was conducted. California Department of Public Health sets these health standards for swimming and water contact.

The testing of beach water samples at all sampling points along the beach MEET the health standards for recreational beach water.

All beach water testing is conducted at a State certified laboratory.

Please be advised that ocean and bay water is a natural environment and that there is always some risk with beach water contact. The water quality conditions change constantly in the San Francisco Bay.

If the beach water samples exceed the health standards set by the State, the beach areas would be posted “closed” with signage to indicate no water contact. Based on current water sample results, no beach closure was necessary. The telephone number for Alameda County Beach Water Quality Hotline is (510) 567-6706.