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Health advisory RESCINDED for portion of beach due to oil spill

FT WALTON BEACH – Effective immediately, the Okaloosa County Health Department in coordination with Okaloosa County Public Safety is rescinding the health advisory issued on June 16, 2010 for the following beach waters affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in Okaloosa County:

Okaloosa Island from the Eglin property line (by the El Matador Condominiums on Santa Rosa Blvd), through the eastern boundary of Beasley Park

The health department is rescinding its health advisory now that government officials verify there have been two consecutive high tides with no oil sheen, oil slick, or large quantities of tar balls observed in the water from the high tide water mark out to 100 yards from shore.

“There are intermittent areas along the shore with tar balls and sticky clumps of oil. The public is advised to avoid the remaining oil remnants and to not pick-up the tar balls,” noted Dr. Karen Chapman, Director at the Okaloosa County Health Department.

Government officials continue to monitor the water for impact from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

For more information:

- Okaloosa County Health Department: (850) 833-9247 or www.HealthyOkaloosa.com
- Okaloosa County: <http://www.okaloosaf.com>
- Okaloosa County Citizen’s Information Line: Dial 311 – Option 8
- Florida Oil Spill Information Line: (888) 337-3569
- Florida Poison Information Centers: (800) 222-1222

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