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Public Service Announcement

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Wastewater Overflows along Shorelines of Greater Victoria

Victoria, BC - Extremely heavy rainfall is currently resulting in combined stormwater and wastewater overflows along the shorelines of Greater Victoria.

Residents are advised to avoid swimming or wading in waters along these shorelines, as the wastewater may pose a health risk. Wastewater (sewage), heavily diluted by stormwater is now flowing into the ocean at several outfalls in these areas. The areas affected extend from Finnerty Point, near Queenswood, to Clover Point, on Dallas Road and from McLoughlin Point west to Saxe Point.

Capital Regional District (CRD) Water Quality is in the process of collecting samples. As a precaution and in consultation with Island Health and the local municipalities, beaches within the affected areas will be posted with public health advisory signs until sample results indicate otherwise. The signage will be removed once the enterococci levels are below the 70CFU/100mL recreational limit.

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