



**To: All Mexico Beach Residents and Visitors**

**Date: September 27, 2024**

**Subject: Sewage Spill at 120 Canal Street**

**DEP Incident Number: 2024-8417**

Due to the amount of rain on September 26, 2024, we had a sewer manhole sewage overflow at 120 Canal St. Due to this there will be No Fishing in and around the canal area. The flow has stopped, and we have cleaned it up.

Water sampling and testing will be conducted in the area. Until further information is known regarding contamination of the waterway, people in the area are urged to take precautions when in contact with the water.

**Sewage did not get into any drinking water sources, and water available through the public water system IS SAFE to drink.**

Waters contaminated with wastewater present several health hazards to humans and may contain untreated human sewage with microbes that could cause gastrointestinal and other diseases. Anyone who comes into contact with the affected waterway should wash thoroughly, especially before eating or drinking. Children and older adults, as well as people with weakened immune systems, are particularly vulnerable to disease. For more information about potential health effects of contact with wastewater, residents and visitors are encouraged to contact the Department of Health at 850-245-4444.

The City of Mexico Beach Water and Sewer Department has notified the proper authorities including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, State Watch Office, and the Health Department.

This advisory will stay in effect until water sampling results show the bacteria levels are within the recommended standard.

If you have any questions, please call 850-247-3001.

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