

NEWS RELEASE

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MCINTOSH CO., GA— The McIntosh County Health Department has placed the Dallas Bluff Sandbar area under a swimming advisory. Water from this beach area is routinely tested once a month from April to November. Water samples taken October 24th show the beach water in this area contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The Dallas Bluff Sandbar area is along the Julenton River from ½ mile upriver of Dallas Bluff Marina to ½ mile downriver. The McIntosh County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in this area. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The Dallas Bluff Sandbar area will be retested and results should be available next week. The advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

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