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BEACH ADVISORY

Lee County Health Department Issues Advisory for Cape Coral Yacht Club Beach

Fort Myers, FL - Tests completed on Tuesday August 24, 2010 indicate that the beach water quality at Cape Coral Yacht Club Beach does not meet the criteria for enterococcus and coliform bacteria recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Florida Department of Health. Water contact may pose an increased risk of disease, particularly for susceptible individuals.

- **We recommend not swimming at Cape Coral Yacht Club Beach.**

Enterococcus and coliform bacteria normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals. The presence of an elevated concentration of these bacteria is an indicator of pollution, which may come from stormwater runoff, pets and wildlife, or sewage. Elevated levels of Enterococcus bacteria have been associated with an increased risk of swimming-associated gastroenteritis illness (diarrhea and abdominal pain).

This advisory will continue until bacteria levels are below the accepted EPA level. New test results should be available by 3:30 PM on Tuesday August 31, 2010. For more information, please view our internet website at www.doh.state.fl.us, select A-Z topics and then select Beach Water Quality, or contact the Lee County Health Department, Environmental Engineering Office at (239) 274-2200 during business hours.

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