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Hazardous Materials Incident in Marin County

RESULTS OF WATER TESTING BY MARIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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San Rafael, CA. - Preliminary water testing results from four Richardson Bay locations indicate levels of contamination above the state standard (400 fecal coliforms per 100 ml in a single sample) for water contact recreation at two locations near the spill site (one upstream and one downstream) and below the standard at two locations further downstream.

Recommendations to avoid swimming, recreational water use, and sport fishing will remain in effect as additional sampling is done today and Sunday.

The Bay Front Office Park sample, taken from the creek waters located upstream of the spill site, had the highest reading. This result could be related to tidal effects, or to the presence of bacteria associated with recent rainfalls. The Shelter Bay Mill Valley site, located downstream, was slightly elevated. Schoonmaker Beach and Dunphy Park in the Sausalito area, further downstream, contained low levels of bacteria and met the standard. The control sample from McNears Beach showed very few bacteria.

Additional test results on these sites will be available sometime tomorrow afternoon and again on Monday afternoon. Two additional sites in Tiburon (Blackie's Pasture, and the waterfront at San Rafael Avenue) are being added for today and Sunday. Sampling was repeated on the morning of Saturday February 2nd and is also planned for Sunday February 3rd.

MICROBIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY SAMPLING RESULTS

Reported on 2/2/08 from samples taken 2/1/08

LOCATION	E-Coli (per 100 ml) (Fecal Coliforms)
State standard for recreational water contact (one time sample)	400
Bay Front Office Park Sample 1	1728
Bay Front Office Park Sample 1 re-check (these samples are of creek water upstream of the spill)	1483
Shelter Bay Mill Valley (this location is downstream of the sewage treatment plant and spill location)	594
Schoonmaker Beach, Sausalito area	110
Dunphy Park, Sausalito area	246
McNears Beach This is a control sample from an unaffected area	<10

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http://www.marinsheriff.org/about.aspx?gj_id=45