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SUBJECT: Wastewater Treatment Plant Fecal Coliform Exceedance

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Due to a failed pump, the Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant did not provide sufficient disinfection of effluent from approximately 9:30pm on Friday April 16th until 7:30am Saturday April 17, 2021. The pump has been addressed and the plant is providing effective disinfection again.

A health hazard warning sign has been posted at Don Davis Park, near the affected area and sampling is being conducted to determine when the water is safe for contact. Contact with water contaminated with bacteria can increase the risk of disease. Please avoid contact with these waterbodies until further notice.

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