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Extra Precaution Recommended at Yaquina Bay Due to Effluent Pipeline Leak

Newport, Ore. – A leak in a treated effluent wastewater pipeline at 2001 SE Marine Science Dr. in the city’s South Beach area has necessitated the diversion of treated wastewater from Newport’s wastewater treatment plant into Yaquina Bay. Approximately 1,450 gallons per minute is currently entering the bay in two locations, from SE Marine Science Dr. and from SE Bay Blvd.

Effluent wastewater is treated, chlorinated water. Contact with treated wastewater may still be a health hazard, and extra health and safety precautions are recommended for all users of Yaquina Bay at this time.

City of Newport officials are currently conducting sampling of the effluent wastewater and Yaquina Bay, and are working to secure a contractor for immediate repairs. The Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Emergency Response System have been notified. Signage is posted at the site.

This leak does not pose risks to other Newport wastewater pipelines and systems. Updates will be provided as they become available.

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