



For Immediate Release:

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Rain Advisory:

Advisory for all Los Angeles County beaches in effect until
December 15, 2014 8:00 a.m.

LOS ANGELES – Because of current rainfall, the County Interim Health Officer, Dr. Jeffery Gunzenhauser, is cautioning residents who are planning to visit Los Angeles County beaches to be careful of swimming, surfing, and playing in ocean waters around discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers. Bacteria, debris, trash, and other public health hazards from city streets and mountain areas are likely to enter ocean waters through these outlets.

Discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers only comprise a small portion of the beach; therefore, anybody who wants to go to the beach will still be able to enjoy their outing. Swimmers and surfers are advised to stay away from discharge sites. There is the possibility bacterium or chemicals from debris and trash could contaminate the water near and around discharge sites, and individuals who enter the water in these areas could become ill.

Areas of the beach apart from discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers are exempted from this advisory. This advisory will be in effect until at least, Monday, December 15, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. This advisory may be extended depending on further rainfall.

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24-hours a day on the County's beach closure hotline: 1-800-525-5662. Information is also available online at our website:
<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/beach/>.

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