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Health Officials Issue a Water Quality Advisory for an Ocean Bathing Beach

LONG BEACH ISLAND- As part of our weekly participation in New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program, six (6) bay and fourteen (14) ocean beach locations are sampled on Long Beach Island for enterococcus bacteria, an indicator organism of water contamination.

On July 2, 2018 our Department conducted routine water quality sampling that identified one (1) Ocean Bathing Beach, 14th Street, Ship Bottom, tested above the state standards. This result triggers a water quality advisory, sanitary beach survey and additional testing to be conducted at 14th street.

Today July 3, 2018 a comprehensive re- sampling of this location is taking place and the results of which, will be available early afternoon July 4th. That will be the earliest time our office can reassess if the 14th street ocean beach is part of an ongoing water quality issue and if the bathing area can remain open.

The public is urged to access up-to-date water quality information at www.njbeaches.org or call 1-800-648-SAND. Any further questions, the Health Department can also be contacted at 609-492-1212.