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## **Updated Health Alert #6: Beach Advisories Removed along Malibu Beaches**

LOS ANGELES –The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Environmental Health, Ocean Water Monitoring Program, performed water tests and determined that the bacterial levels in the surrounding ocean water along the Malibu beaches are normal. Therefore the posted beach advisories have been removed. However, it is still inadvisable for people, including surfers and swimmers, to visit beach areas if emergency personnel have closed off access to these areas.

Earlier in the week, Public Health received unconfirmed reports of inoperable sewage treatment stations located in the fire affected areas of Malibu. Although no sewage discharges were reported, the public was advised to avoid contact with ocean water in the Malibu area until further notice. Public Health made contact with the city of Malibu on Thursday, October 25; officials from the city investigated the sites under concern and determined that there were no sewage discharges.

Recorded information on beach conditions is available around the clock on the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Ocean Water Quality Hotline at 1-800-525-5662 and online at [www.lapublichealth.org/beach](http://www.lapublichealth.org/beach).

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