

# Beach and Bay Status Report

Water quality closures and advisories for  
San Diego County Beaches  
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The Department of Environmental Health has issued a **GENERAL ADVISORY** for the coastal waters of San Diego County due to contamination by urban runoff following rain. Swimmers, surfers, and other ocean users are warned that levels of bacteria can rise significantly in ocean waters, especially near storm drains, creeks, rivers, and lagoon outlets that discharge urban runoff. Activities such as swimming, surfing and diving should be avoided for 72 hours following rain. [The most recent significant rain occurred on the morning of May 7, 2013]. The **GENERAL ADVISORY** for urban runoff contamination applies to beaches from San Onofre State Beach south to Border Field, including Mission Bay and San Diego Bay. While many coastal outlets are posted with permanent metal warning signs, additional temporary signs are not posted for General Advisories.

## **Closures:**

These beaches are closed to water contact due to sewage spills that may impact ocean or bay waters.

### **The ocean shoreline from U.S. / Mexico border to the north end of the Imperial Beach**

This includes Border Field State Park, the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge and Imperial Beach Shorelines (including Camp Surf)

Status Since: May 7, 2013

Reason: Sewage-contaminated runoff from the Tijuana River

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***HIGH potential for beach impacts from current or recent Tijuana River flow.*** When flowing, beach water quality impacts and associated unhealthful conditions are eminent in the vicinity of the Tijuana River outlet. Tides, wind, near-shore ocean currents, and other factors determine how far north Tijuana River impacts may extend. During the winter rainy season, and whenever there is a high potential for beach impacts from current or recent Tijuana River flow, check beach closure status often by calling 619-338-2073, as conditions and associated beach closures can change rapidly.

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### **For beaches next to storm drains, rivers, and lagoon outlets:**

During dry weather, avoid contact with runoff and recreational waters within at least 75 feet from where runoff enters ocean or bay waters.

### **Shellfish Quarantine.**

There is quarantine on mussel consumption due to risk of PSP or domoic acid poisoning for mussels taken from all coastal waters in California. For more information on the shellfish quarantine call 800-553-4133