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## Public Service Announcement

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### Ganges (Salt Spring Island) Wastewater Discharge Notice

**Victoria, BC-** An electrical and mechanical failure at the Ganges Wastewater Treatment Plant on Salt Spring Island resulted in a sewage release from early afternoon April 14 to early afternoon April 15. The sewage entered Ganges Creek and travelled approximately 100 meters prior to discharging into the ocean at the outlet of Ganges Creek. The shoreline affected is in the vicinity of Gasoline Alley in the Village of Ganges. CRD operations responded and repaired the treatment plant and it has been functioning properly since mid-afternoon April 15.

As a result of this discharge, residents are advised to avoid entering the waters along the affected shorelines, as the wastewater may pose a health risk.

As a precaution and in consultation with Island Health, the beach in the affected area will be posted with public health advisory signs until sample results indicate enterococci levels are below the 70CFU/100mL recreational limit.

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