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The following rescission notice was issued on 5/29/20 by the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Quality. For more information, please contact:

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RESCISSION NOTICE: SWIMMING AND SEDIMENT CONTACT ADVISORY FOR BAYOU BONFOUCA

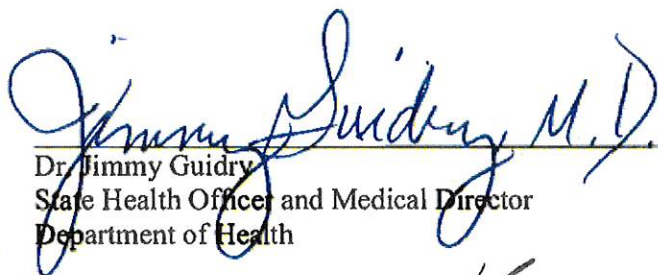
Recent sediment sampling in Bayou Bonfouca near the city of Slidell, Louisiana has prompted the Department of Health (LDH) and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to rescind the current swimming and sediment contact advisory.

In 1987, the presence of creosote in bayou sediments necessitated a fish consumption, swimming and sediment contact advisory for the entire bayou. This advisory was issued by LDH, DEQ and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as a precautionary measure to protect public health during the remediation of the American Creosote Company Bayou Bonfouca Superfund Site.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) listed the Bayou Bonfouca site on the National Priorities List (Superfund) in 1983. EPA excavated and incinerated over 170,000 cubic yards of contaminated bayou sediments and creosote waste from November 1993 to July 1995. After a comprehensive evaluation of fish tissue data collected in 1996-1997, an update to the advisory was issued on December 10, 1998 removing the warning about consuming fish while leaving the swimming and sediment contact advisory in place.

The decision to rescind the current swimming and sediment contact advisory is based on sediment data collected throughout Bayou Bonfouca in 2020. A review of that data revealed polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, compounds found in creosote, at concentrations below the levels of concern established by state and federal agencies.

For more information regarding this action, contact LDH at 1-888-293-7020 or visit www.ldh.la.gov/EatSafeFish. DEQ continues to oversee a long term groundwater remediation effort related to the Superfund site. For more information about site-related activities, call DEQ at (225) 219-3717.



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