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State officials urge caution for recreational water users after storms cause flooding, sewer overflows

RALEIGH – The N.C. Division of Water Resources urges caution for people recreating in rivers, lakes and other natural water bodies after storm events this week resulted in localized flooding and contributed to sewer system overflows in several Triangle area communities.

Bacteria and other pollutants may be present in surface waters from numerous sources after any large rainfall event.

The state agency has the following tips for people in the Triangle area:

- Boaters and swimmers should stay out of areas if they see discolored water or dead fish.
- People who feel sick or have open wounds or skin rashes should limit contact with water in rivers, lakes and other natural water bodies.
- People who swim in rivers or lakes or have contact with the water should wash with soap and clean water soon afterwards.

Earlier this week, officials in several Triangle communities reported sewer system overflows and spills of partially treated wastewater into creeks after significant rainfall led to flooding in the area.

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