

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **For Immediate Release:**

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## **Annual Vacation Beach Water Quality Report Documents** **Ohio's Beach Closings and Health Advisories** *Rates Top 200 U.S. Beaches*

**WHAT:** Are Ohioans swimming in sewage or other dangerous pollution? Find out how clean your favorite beach is when Environment Ohio and the Ohio Environmental Council release "Testing the Waters: A Guide to Water Quality at Vacation Beaches," the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Natural Resources Defense Council report on beach closings and beachwater monitoring programs.

The report will reveal which beaches have pollution problems and which tested clean. In addition to presenting beach closings, advisory and beachwater monitoring data for more than 6,000 beaches nationwide, the report gives a five-star rating guide for 200 popular U.S. beaches.

**WHO:** **Environment Ohio**, Field Organizer, Amanda Moore  
**Ohio Environmental Council**, Legislative and Public Affairs Associate, Coby Williams  
**Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District**, Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator, Claire Posius  
**Cuyahoga County Board of Health**, Program Director, Laura Travers

**WHEN:** 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at Edgewater Beach in Cleveland  
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2009 via teleconference.

**WHERE:** Edgewater Beach, on the beach if skies are clear, in the pavilion if raining.  
Take Route 2 West to the Edgewater Park Exit  
Follow signs to the beach.  
If raining, we will be in the pavilion with the concessions stand.  
If skies are clear, we will be West of the parking lot on the beach.

### **At 11:30 a.m., Join us via PHONE:**

Dial In Number: 1-800-298-6863

Conference ID: 573-5554

Password: 124804

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*The Ohio Environmental Council ([www.theOEC.org](http://www.theOEC.org)) is a network of more than 100 state and local groups that advocate to secure healthy air, land, and water for all who call Ohio home.*