

WEST POINT TREATMENT PLANT BYPASS FEBRUARY 20, 2017

Water Quality Monitoring Update

As of Monday, February 20, 2017 water quality sampling data continues to improve at most sampling locations. The following beach areas are closed as of today:

- Discovery Park beaches north and south of West Point Treatment Plant
- Golden Gardens beach

You can find more information about water quality monitoring in recreational beach areas at the Washington Department of Ecology <u>beach program web page</u>.

We will update water quality data as it becomes available.

King County Wastewater Treatment Division works hard to provide safe, reliable service to our region. When large storms or unanticipated equipment issues cause overflows into our waterways, we provide public notification and begin sampling and testing water quality.

King County's <u>Environmental Laboratory</u> conducts sampling and analysis and reports results to <u>Public Health-Seattle/King County</u> (PHSKC). Warning signs posted on public access areas near affected waterways remain in place until PHSKC approves removal.

Two types of bacteria determine public health risk: fecal coliform bacteria and enterococcus. Both are shown for the latest collection dates.

Below you can find results from **water quality sampling results** related to the West Point Treatment Plant Emergency Bypass.

An equipment failure at the time of heavy storms and high tides resulted in flooding in the plant. To protect the plant and allow crews to clean up and restore operations, incoming stormwater and wastewater were diverted through an emergency bypass to Puget Sound.

The West Point emergency bypass discharges offshore by the North Beach in Discovery Park. Currents travel north from this point.

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For more information:

Visit King County Wastewater Treatment Division on the Web at: http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wtd.aspx

For questions or concerns about this incident, contact WTD reception at 206-477-5371 or Wastewater.Reception@kingcounty.gov

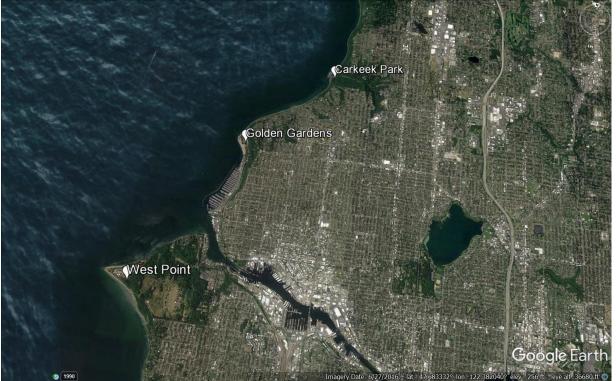
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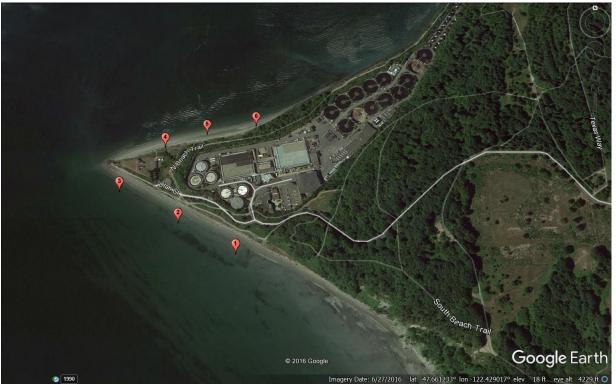


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Above, aerial view of sampling locations associated with the West Point Treatment Plant Bypass. Below are numbered sampling sites around West Point, in Seattle's Magnolia neighborhood. The numbers on each pin correspond to a sampling site on the attached table.





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Above, Golden Gardens Park. Below, Carkeek Park. Both are north of West Point Treatment Plant. Sampling sites are identified on the map.





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