

Internet Portal Fact Sheet

Questions addressed at *Is it Safe to Swim in Our Waters?*

- ***Can I swim at my beach, lake, or stream?***

View report card grades on the safety of your favorite beaches. See which beaches are currently closed or posted by the county health agency.

- ***How clean was my beach, lake, or stream during the past week or month?***

View recent data on beach closures and bacterial indicator scores.

- ***What are the long-term trends in beach water quality?***

View data on bacterial indicators of swimming safety for your favorite beaches over a several year period. Trends help us understand if problems are getting better or worse.

- ***Which beaches, lakes, and streams are listed by the State as impaired?***

View a map showing which California beaches are impaired for recreational uses. Impairments are required to be remedied via corrective actions, including the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).

- ***What is being done to reduce these problems?***

View TMDL and Clean Beaches Initiative (CBI) grant projects designed to restore swimming safety.

More My Water Quality Web Portals Are Coming

Within the next few months, additional web portals will be released to address the following water quality questions:

- Is It Safe to Eat Fish and Shellfish from Our Waters?
- Are Our Aquatic Ecosystems Healthy?
- Is Our Water Safe to Drink?

These initial portal efforts will focus on sport fish, wetlands, and groundwater, respectively.

Help Us Make It Better

We are continually working to improve the quality of the information presented in these web portals and the underlying water quality monitoring and assessment programs. Please help us to make them better

- Contact the SB 1070 Coordinator with your comments and suggestions
- Attend a meeting of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council
- Get involved in one or more of the expert stakeholder work groups

More information about the Senate Bill 1070, the Monitoring Council, and the expert stakeholder work groups is on the web at

http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/.