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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Sewage Discharge**

VENTURA, California – On June 18, 2015, the Ventura County Environmental Health Division (EHD) was notified by the City of Port Hueneme of a sewage discharge. According to city staff, approximately 1,600 gallons of raw sewage was discharged at the 700 block of Halyard Street between Anchor Ave. and Yardarm Ave. at approximately 1:00 PM on June 18, 2015. The discharge was the result of a grease blockage which was cleared and the discharge ceased. Most of the 1,600 gallons was captured and cleaned up but it is estimated that between 600-700 gallons may have entered Mandalay Bay near the intersection of W. Hemlock Street and Victoria Ave.

Warning signs were posted in Mandalay Bay along the west side of Victoria between Hemlock and Channel Islands Blvd. The signs will remain in place until Monday, June 22, 2015. EHD advises the public to avoid contact with ocean water in the posted area. Any items that may have come in contact with ocean water should also be avoided. If contact occurs, wash thoroughly with soap and water.

Any shellfish on or from this area may have also been exposed to this contamination and should not be eaten. All sports harvested shellfish are under quarantine and consumers should not eat certain types of seafood (recreationally harvested bivalve shellfish, such as mussels, clams or whole scallops, or the internal organs of lobster or rock crab) from the Ventura County coastline.

For further information regarding this incident, please contact the City of Port Hueneme at 805/797-0165.

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