Guam EPA advisory: 9 beaches polluted

Nine of Guam’s beaches have been listed as polluted in an advisory issued Wednesday by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

The Guam EPA Environmental Monitoring and Analytical Services Division tested samples from 43 recreational beaches on Tuesday. The results showed nine of the beaches tested currently are polluted above acceptable bacteriological standards — anyone coming into contact with the water risks possible illness.

"Swimming, fishing or playing in unsafe waters may result in minor illnesses such as sore throats or diarrhea," the agency stated in the release. Exposure also could lead to more serious illnesses such as meningitis, encephalitis or severe gastroenteritis.

Children, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems have a greater chance of getting sick if they come into contact with polluted water, the agency warned.

List of beaches

The tested water samples showed the following beaches are polluted above accepted bacteriological standards:

- Asan: Asan Bay Beach
- Inarajan: Inarajan Bay; Inarajan Pool
- Merizo: Merizo Pier - Mamoan Channel
- Piti: Piti Bay; Santos Memorial Park
- Talofofo: Talofofo Bay; Togcha Bay
- Umatac: Toguan Bay

(Daily Post Staff)

GMH ceremony celebrates renovated surgical unit

RENOVATIONS: The Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association and hospital officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday to celebrate the completion of improvements to the GMH medical surgical unit room, according to a GMHVA news release. The Filipino Community of Guam donated $30,000 and GTA TeleGuam provided in-kind contributions valued at $31,500 toward the renovations, the release states. Photo courtesy of GMHVA

Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects, & Land Surveyors (PEALS)

Agenda:

(1) Meeting Call to Order.
(2) Approval of Minutes
(3) Executive Board Administrator Report
(4) Complaints
   A. Lorette T. Guerrero vs. Blas Atalig Case #2017-002
   B. N15 Guam, Inc. proposal prior to Board Approval of COA Case #2018-004
(5) Old Business
   A. PEALS Rules and Regulations
(6) New Business
   A. Temporary License for Guam EPA Chief Engineer
   B. Consider applicant for Control Systems Engineer
   C. PLS Examines request to take GLM exam before April 2019
(7) Open Discussion, Information & Announcements
   A. PEALS FY2019 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule
   B. RME in charge shall sign, seal, and date the title or the first sheet
(8) Public Comments
(9) DPW Permit & DLM Surveyors’ Report
(10) Adjournment

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