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Mayor Jennifer Naughton
Barry Lewis, Jr. Borough Administrator
Borough of Spring Lake
423 Warren Avenue
Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762

Subject: NJDEP Wreck Pond 2009 Precautionary Beach Closing Policy

Dear Mayor Naughton and Mr. Lewis:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program (CCMP) has decided to continue the same policy as in the 2008 season regarding precautionary beach closings related to Wreck Pond and rainfall. We will work closely with the Monmouth County Health Department, who will provide water sampling, and NJ DEP on this matter. One of our Registered Environmental Health Inspectors, Sandra Muller (same person as in 2007 and 2008), will be on call on weekends and holidays to monitor rainfall amounts. She will be in contact with the Spring Lake Golf Course or will call Southern Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority to assess rain amounts.

If rainfall is 0.1 inch or greater, she will call the Beach Manager to advise that the Brown and York Avenue beaches are to be closed for recreational bathing for 24 hours and "red flagged" by lifeguards. She will also notify Virginia Loftin of NJDEP and the Monmouth County Health Department of any closings. On Monday morning, we would then also notify your municipal clerk, of any weekend beach closures. Following a storm event of 2.3" or more of rain, these beaches will remain closed for 48 hours.

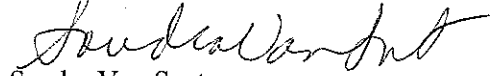
York and Brown Avenue beaches will continue to be water quality monitoring sites and are sampled weekly. Should sampling demonstrate that on two consecutive days enterococcus counts exceed the Primary Contact Standard of 104 colonies per 100 milliliters of sample, those beaches will be closed. Sanitary surveys and additional sampling will continue until the standard is met.

We look forward to the cooperation of the Spring Lake beach management staff in assisting in the "rain provisional" closings through maintaining a log of closure dates, posting signs, and notifying NJDEP and the Monmouth County Health Department of voluntary closings. In the future, we are hoping to

Allenhurst	Highlands	Little Silver	Rumson	Spring Lake
Brielle	Holmdel	Loch Arbour	Sea Bright	Spring Lake Heights
Deal	Keansburg	Monmouth Beach	Sea Girt	Tinton Falls
Eatontown	Keyport	Ocean Township	Shrewsbury	West Long Branch
Fair Haven	Interlaken	Red Bank	Shrewsbury Township	

gradually be able to resolve this problem through all our efforts working together, particularly as we look toward the creation of a Wreck Pond Watershed Management Commission. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sandra Van Sant', written in dark ink.

Sandra Van Sant
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Cc: President Paul D. Roman
Michael Burke, Spring Lake Environmental Commission
Angela Palmer, Secretary BOH