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**UPDATED ADVISORY REGARDING STONY CREEK**

Avoid Recreational Use from Route 1 to Courthouse Road (Dinwiddie County)

(Petersburg, Va.)- The Crater Health District advises all Dinwiddie County residents to avoid recreational use of the section of the Stony Creek waterway from Route 1 to Courthouse Road. On Monday, August 3, 2015, Crater Health District advised residents to avoid human contact with, or consumption of the water in Stony Creek. This advisory was in response to an investigation by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, regarding a foul odor in the water. Through testing of water samples from Stony Creek, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality found the water of Stony Creek to be positive for the presence of Fecal Coliform.

Fecal Coliform is a type of bacteria that lives in water, and is associated with human or animal waste. Fecal Coliform, while not threatening in itself, could indicate the presence of other disease-causing bacteria. Based on further testing, all other sections of Stony Creek are safe for recreation. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality continues to monitor bacteriological limits in the water. The Crater Health District will update the advisory as more information is received.

For more information, visit [www.vdh.virginia.gov/LHD/crater/](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/LHD/crater/) or call 804-863-1652.

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