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URGENT - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED
COASTAL HAZARD MESSAGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY RUSKIN FL
347 PM EST TUE MAR 5 2013

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SARASOTA-CHARLOTTE-LEE-
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...BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT IN EFFECT FOR WEDNESDAY...

BASED ON NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE ANALYSIS... A BEACH HAZARDS
STATEMENT IS IN EFFECT FOR POTENTIAL RESPIRATORY IMPACTS
ASSOCIATED WITH FLORIDA RED TIDE IN SOME AREAS OF
SARASOTA...CHARLOTTE...AND LEE COUNTIES ON WEDNESDAY.

* FLORIDA RED TIDE...CAUSED BY THE ALGAE KARENIA BREVIS CAN
PRODUCE RESPIRATORY IMPACTS THAT ARE GENERALLY TEMPORARY.
SYMPTOMS MAY INCLUDE COUGHING...SNEEZING...AND ITCHING OR
TEARING EYES. PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC RESPIRATORY ISSUES MAY BE
MORE SENSITIVE. IMPACTS WILL NOT AFFECT THE ENTIRE REGION
CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT.

CHECK LOCAL RESOURCES FOR UP-TO-DATE-INFORMATION. MOTE MARINE
LABORATORY PROVIDES DAILY BEACH CONDITION REPORTS:
[HTTP://WWW.MOTE.ORG/BEACHES](http://www.mote.org/beaches). THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FWC) PROVIDES WEEKLY RED TIDE STATUS
REPORTS: [HTTP://MYFWC.COM/RESEARCH](http://myfwc.com/research). FOR HEALTH
INFORMATION...CONTACT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
([HTTP://WWW.MYFLORIDAEH.COM/MEDICINE/AQUATIC/REDTIDE.HTM](http://www.myfloridaeh.com/medicine/aquatic/redtide.htm)) OR CALL
THE POISON CONTROL CENTER (1-800-222-1222). FOR INFORMATION ON
SHELLFISH HARVESTING AREA STATUS AND LEGAL AREAS TO HARVEST
SHELLFISH CONTACT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
CONSUMER SERVICES: [WWW.FLORIDAAQUACULTURE.COM](http://www.floridaaquaculture.com).

THE APPEARANCE OF THESE EXTERNAL LINKS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE
ENDORSEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)/(NOAA) OF
EXTERNAL WEB SITES OR THE INFORMATION...PRODUCTS OR SERVICES
CONTAINED THEREIN.

NOAA RESPIRATORY IMPACT FORECAST:

SARASOTA COUNTY: GULF COAST...PATCHY HIGH RESPIRATORY IMPACTS ARE
POSSIBLE WEDNESDAY.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY: GULF COAST AND BAY REGIONS...PATCHY HIGH RESPIRATORY IMPACTS ARE POSSIBLE WEDNESDAY.

LEE COUNTY: BAY REGIONS...PATCHY HIGH RESPIRATORY IMPACTS ARE POSSIBLE WEDNESDAY.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A HIGH RESPIRATORY IMPACT FORECAST MEANS THAT MOST PEOPLE AT AN AFFECTED BEACH MAY NOTICE RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS.

PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE UNCOMFORTABLE SYMPTOMS SHOULD CONSIDER LEAVING THE SURROUNDING AREA IN FAVOR OF UNAFFECTED BEACHES NEARBY. FOR MORE HEALTH INFORMATION...PLEASE VISIT [HTTP://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV/HAB/HAB_HEALTH_INFO.HTML](http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/hab_health_info.html)... CONTACT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH...CONSULT YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER...OR SPEAK TO A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL AT THE POISON CONTROL CENTER (1-800-222-1222).

DO NOT HARVEST DISTRESSED OR DEAD FISH. DO NOT HARVEST ANY CLAMS...MUSSELS...OR OYSTERS BEFORE CONTACTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES FOR SHELLFISH HARVESTING AREA STATUS. SHELLFISH AVAILABLE AT RESTAURANTS AND SEAFOOD DEALERS ARE STRICTLY REGULATED AND REGULARLY TESTED.

INFORMATION SOURCES...HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM (HAB) FORECASTS ARE PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE CENTER FOR OPERATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC PRODUCTS AND SERVICES...WITH DATA PROVIDED BY THE FWC FISH AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND MOTE MARINE LABORATORY. FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON THIS RED TIDE... INCLUDING LOCAL INFORMATION ON CURRENT BEACH CONDITIONS...PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:
[HTTP://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV/HAB/BEACH_CONDITIONS.HTML](http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/beach_conditions.html).

PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE NEW BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT...

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=CHMBHS](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=chmbhs)

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[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/TAMPA](http://www.weather.gov/tampa)