

When are closures issued?



Spill Associated Closures



Spill Associated Closures (chemical or sewage) are issued whenever beaches or bays may become impacted as a result of a chemical spill or sanitary sewer overflow (SSO). The majority of non-Tijuana River associated closures are the result of sewage spills or SSOs. The Department of Environmental Health & Quality (DEHQ) advises beach users to avoid water contact at beaches posted with red and yellow closure signs.



Tijuana River Associated Closures



Tijuana River Associated Closures are issued whenever the Tijuana River is flowing, as river water is known to be impacted with sewage. When the Tijuana River is flowing, the extent of beach closures can range from the international border north to Coronado.

The minimum closure extent associated with Tijuana River flow includes the shoreline from the international border to the south end of Seacoast Drive in Imperial Beach, approximately 2.26 miles of beachline. DEHQ advises beach users to avoid water contact at beaches posted with red and yellow closure signs at beach access points.

