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Ulster County's Hudson River Beaches Tested Safe

The Ulster County Health Department is pleased to announce the results of enhanced water sampling at two Hudson River beaches located in Ulster County. The two beaches are the Kingston Point Beach located in the City of Kingston, and the Ulster Landing Park Beach located in the Town of Ulster. All beaches permitted by the Ulster County Health Department were tested on an annual basis. However, earlier this year, Ulster County Legislator Brian Cahill (D-Ulster) requested additional bacteriological testing by the Ulster County Health Department of the Hudson River beaches. Legislator Cahill's initiative was implemented with the support of the Ulster County Board of Health; the Ulster County Legislature's Public Health Committee, Chaired by Legislator Robert Parete (D-Olive); and the Public Health Director, Dean N. Palen.

"Monitoring and keeping our public beaches safe is an important responsibility of local government. With ever increasing encroachment on Ulster County's river front, we need to stay vigilant to ensure our beaches are safe for everyone" said Legislator Cahill

Historically, three bacteriological samples were taken during the swimming season at each beach. This year, eighteen water samples on nine different days throughout July and August were collected from both beaches during high and low tides. The results were within safe limits, and well below harmful levels established by Subpart 6.2 of the New York State Sanitary Code for permitted public bathing beaches.

"I applaud Legislator Cahill for developing an initiative to further safeguard our public beaches in an effort to protect residents and guests from potentially harmful contaminants," said Robert Parete, member of the Board of Health and Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature's Health Committee.

For further information, contact the Ulster County Health Department's Public Health Director, Dean N. Palen, at (845) 340-3009.