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By Alex Vaughn



The amount of rainfall hurricane Ian produced, could be detrimental to the Gulf of Mexico, and even your own health.

David Tomasko, Director of Sarasota Bay Estuary Program says more than 100 billion gallons of water flowed into the Gulf, and might soon cause red tide.

He says before the storm, the water was so clear that you could see 9 foot deep, but now he says it looks like root beer.

“I do this stuff for a living. I’m telling people to stay out of the water. When the water looks like this, smells the way it smells, in some areas, it’s a good sign don’t go in it. We’re seeing very high levels of bacteria in parts of the waters that we’re sampling” said David Tomasko.

David Tomasko says the bacteria is impacting the water due to pipes overflowing, sewage plants failing from power outages, porta potty’s, dog poop, decayed plants, and animal carcasses.

Tomasko believes there will be a full recovery, and hopes this was a wakeup call to do a better job taking care of our marine environment.

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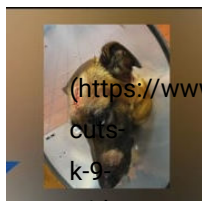
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