TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

ADV-49

This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of the Houston Ship Channel and the San Jacinto River tidal located in Harris County, Texas. Blue crab and fish samples collected from the estuary indicate the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzofurans (PCDDs/PCDFs) at concentrations exceeding health assessment guidelines established by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Consumption of blue crab and fish from the Houston Ship Channel and San Jacinto River tidal may pose a threat to human health.

COUNTIES: Harris

AREA: The Houston Ship Channel and all contiguous waters north of the Fred Hartman Bridge, State Highway 146 including the San Jacinto River below the Lake Houston Dam

Contaminants of Concern	Species Affected	Women of Childbearing Age and Children < 12	Women Past Childbearing Age and Adult Men
Dioxins, organochlorine pesticides, and PCBs	All species of fish and blue crab	**DO NOT EAT**	1 meal/month

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for Dr David Lakey

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