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NEWS RELEASE

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REOPENING OF SWIMMING - PLAGÉ MASSAWIPPI

The Régie has received the results of samples taken at Plage Massawippi following the announcement that a nearby beach had received a D rating. The good news is that the results show that Plage Massawippi has been classified as category B: Good.

Swimming at Plage Massawippi will resume as usual this week.

The nearby beach, sampled by the Ministère de l'Environnement as part of the Environnement-Plage program, remains closed until further notice. The results of the latest samples once again reveal levels of E.coli higher than the permitted standard, placing the beach in category D: Polluted.

In closing, the Régie would like to remind bathers of some of the advice issued by the Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ):

- Never swallow water;
- If you have open wounds, protect them appropriately or avoid swimming;
- Avoid swimming after heavy rain or near sources of pollution;
- After swimming, wash hands before eating. This behaviour should also be encouraged after contact with sand, given the possible risk associated with the presence of potentially pathogenic micro-organisms;
- Do not feed water birds;
- Whenever possible, swim at sites where the water quality is regularly checked and confirmed.

Thank you for your usual cooperation,

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