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### **WESTERN BEACH BATHING WATER QUALITY**

Following the short spell of wet weather in the early hours of Friday morning, the Western Beach Bathing Water Quality Protocol announced by the Government in June was initiated this morning. The Environmental Agency deployed officers to Western Beach where water samples were taken and a visual inspection was carried out. According to official information received only 0.6mm of rainfall was recorded on Friday morning at the airfield. Taking all these factors into account the Government, acting on the advice of its Technical Officials, has decided that Western Beach will continue to remain open.

Current weather predictions indicate the possibility of further rainfall during this weekend. Should significant rainfall occur, a discharge from the Spanish storm drain at the Western Beach Basin is probable and may cause possible deterioration of bathing water quality. The Protocol continues activated and, should there be any significant rainfall, the Government's Technical Officers will assess the situation and act accordingly. Such action may include the closure of Western Beach as a precautionary measure.

If the closure of Western Beach becomes necessary, the Public will be advised by all available means including announcements on GBC Radio and the Notice Board at Western Beach.

Throughout the summer the bathing water quality at this beach has been monitored and has consistently met the required standards. These monitoring results, together with those of all Gibraltar Beaches are published and can be viewed on the Environmental Agency website.