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WATER QUALITY

Group: Franklin beaches are contaminated

Bacteria causes water advisories

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There were fewer bacteria-related advisories issued in 2004 against swimming at Florida beaches, a national environmental group said Thursday.

The Natural Resources

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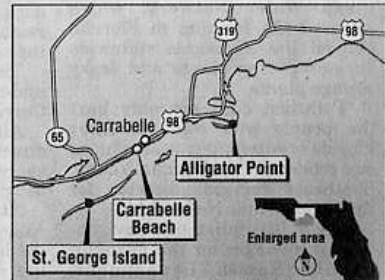
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Quality' from the subject list.

Defense Council issued its annual report on beach-water testing. The report was accompanied by a ranking of beaches in Florida with the most

advisories against swimming.

The ranking, based on 2004 advisories, included Alligator Point, Carrabelle Beach and St. George Island in Franklin County.

State and local health-department officials have said they can't pinpoint the sources of bacteria, including possible natural sources, that are causing the advisories. The



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