

Sutton, Kaitlyn

From: Jeanne <jfedoryk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 8:37 PM
To: Sutton, Kaitlyn
Subject: Key Biscayne water quality

Hello Kaitlyn,

I would like to offer some comments about the quality of the ocean water in Key Biscayne. We bought a condo right on the water in Key Biscayne due to the beautiful views and clean water. Unfortunately, we don't go to the beach any more, as it has been rated unsafe on multiple occasions with fecal matter found in the testing of the water. Additionally, I understand that once the bacterial count is found too high, then the water must be tested again after three days, at which time if it's unacceptable, the public is then notified (evidently this process differs in other FL counties). So given the process, we never feel that the water is clean enough to to walk or swim in the water. The bigger concern is the waste treatment center on Virginia Key, which is right next to Key Biscayne. Last month, there was a power shutdown, and the center released a large volume of waste into the water (supposedly already treated). However during the past year, it is a common experience that you can smell sewage on Virginia Key, even just by driving past. So here we sit on a pristine island with fecal matter in the water and sewage smell in the air. Thank you for whatever you can do to improve this situation.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Fedoryk