

# The City Council acts as an emergency in the Red House and in the gallery of Los Nidillos, possible focus of the fecal contamination that has affected the beach of El Confital

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The City Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria will act as an emergency this week in the pit of the Red House, an old pumping station, located on the Paseo el Confital and in the Los Nidillos gallery as a possible source of the episode of fecal contamination that has affected since last Wednesday, April 26, the beach of El Confital.

The municipal action, which has been approved by the emergency procedure with a budget of 5,600 euros, will consist of connecting this old station with the municipal sanitation network, proceed to clean the pit and the gallery that connects this building with the beach Los Nidillos and investigate possible leaks to the gallery from private homes in La Isleta.

The councilman of Aguas, Roberto Santana, confirmed that during the inspection work carried out in recent days by the Fire Service and the Integral Water Unit has located a focus of fecal organic matter "in the pit that is located in the lower part of the Red House, unused decades ago, and where wastewater has been stored".

The beach will continue closed "at least until next Friday," lamented the councilman of Ciudad de Mar, José Eduardo Ramírez, after the coordination meeting held this morning by the heads of municipal services. The results of the latest analysis carried out by the management of the Gran Canaria Health Area indicate that the level of enterococci, the bacterium located in the bath water, "although it has been halved, continues above the established limit", explained The mayor

With respect to the results made public last Friday, 28, the parameter of this bacterium fecal origin has dropped from 5.7 micrograms per 100 milliliters of water, to 2.2, "which indicates a substantial improvement but still insufficient, Since the limit established by the Government of the Canary Islands is 2 micrograms, "he said.

In any case, the access to this beach of the capital continues closed after the detachment provoked by the gust of rain water last Saturday, April 29. The riada caused the fall of a great amount of stones and sediments of the hillside and

forced to the Municipal Police to dislodge the zone and to close the passage to vehicles and people.

Ramirez reported that the Roads and Works service has already begun work on the entrance to El Confital to enable "as a priority the pedestrian access" that we hope is open before next Friday. Of course, the step for the vehicles will have to wait a few more days.

Public Health will return to collect new samples of water on the bank of El Confital as soon as the pedestrian walkway to the beach is enabled.

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