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**Sent:** 10/18/2017 6:56:15 PM  
**To:** Joshua Learn [Ex. 6]  
**Subject:** RE: Fecal waters

Hi Joshua—

If attributing, please attribute to “an EPA spokesperson:”

In 2016, the most recent complete year that EPA has data reported by states/territories/tribes whose coastal recreation waters are covered by the BEACH Act, 1,425 out of more than 6,000 coastal beaches in the U.S. were closed or had advisories at least once during the year. However, as a whole, monitored beaches across the country were open and without any advisories 94 percent of the time. Since 2002, the national percentage of beach days without beach closures or advisories has ranged between 93 and 96 percent. This information can be found in EPA’s Beach Advisory and Closing Online Notification (BEACON) system (<https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/>).

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Joshua Learn [Ex. 6]  
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**To:** Lynn, Tricia <[lynn.tricia@epa.gov](mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fecal waters

Hello Tricia,

I'm writing an article on water contamination from human feces for Hakai Magazine and was looking for some information about how many beaches are closed in the U.S. every year due to fecal contamination in the water. Do you guys have statistics on this? I've attached the study I'm writing about here. It would be great to hear back from you by Wednesday on this.

Thanks and best,

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**Ex. 6**

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