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Sanitary sewer overflows reported

Mobile Area Water & Sewer System experienced a sanitary sewer overflow on May 3 at Tonlours Drive at Three Mile Creek. Approximately 1,200 gallons of untreated sewage overflowed into the creek as a result of heavy rains. The Utilities Board of the City of Chickasaw reported that it experienced a sanitary sewer overflow the same day caused by heavy rains at Lee Street and Southwest Boulevard. Approximately 2,000 gallons overflowed into Chickasabogue Creek. The overflows stopped as the rain receded.

Dr. Bernard Eichold, Health Officer, Mobile County Health Department, advises area residents to take precautions when coming into contact with any standing water that may have accumulated as a result of this overflow. Individuals who have come into direct contact with untreated sewage are advised to wash their hands and clothing thoroughly. Dr. Eichold also advises area residents to take precautions if using Three Mile Creek or Chickasabogue Creek for recreational purposes. All seafood harvested in the affected areas should be thoroughly cooked before consumption. Individuals should wash their hands after cleaning any fish or other seafood and also before preparing food.

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