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Sanitary sewer overflow reported in Citronelle

South Alabama Utilities experienced a sanitary sewer overflow at its Citronelle Lagoon lift station on May 18. Approximately 6,000 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Puppy Creek as the result of a back-up generator failing to start following a power interruption during a thunderstorm. The generator was repaired and is now working properly.

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 Puppy Creek for recreational purposes. All seafood harvested in the affected area 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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