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Prichard Water Company reports sanitary sewage overflows

The Prichard Water Company experienced a sanitary sewer overflow from a manhole on Haig Avenue on July 29. Approximately 6,500 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Gum Tree Branch as the result of a grease blockage. Crews have cleaned the sewer line and disinfected the area.

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 Gum Tree Branch 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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