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Sanitary sewer overflows reported in Bayou La Batre

The Utilities Board of the City of Bayou La Batre has reported that heavy rainfall caused approximately 4,312 gallons of wastewater to overflow from a manhole at 13871 Shell Belt Rd. and approximately 2,250 gallons of wastewater to overflow from a manhole at the intersection of Shell Belt Road and James Street on Aug. 15. The ultimate destination of the discharges was Bayou La Batre Bayou. Crews are making necessary repairs and taking steps to prevent future overflows at these locations.

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 these overflows. 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 Bayou La Batre Bayou 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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