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Prichard Water Company reports sanitary sewage overflow

The Prichard Water Company experienced a sanitary sewer overflow from a manhole at West Highland Avenue and Velma Street on Aug. 20 as the result of an equipment failure. Approximately 3,500 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Three Mile Creek. Crews have cleaned and disinfected the area, and necessary repairs have been made.

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 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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