



**NEWS RELEASE**    **Mobile County Health Department**  
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**Prichard Water Company reports sanitary sewage overflow**

The Prichard Water Company experienced a sanitary sewer overflow at the corner of Myers Road and Walter Circle as the result of equipment failure caused by a lightning strike. Approximately 25,000 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Gum Tree Branch. The overflow was stopped at 11:45 a.m. on Aug. 25, 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 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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