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Sanitary sewer overflow reported in county

South Alabama Utilities has reported that approximately 2,000 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Miller Creek on Aug. 2 after a contractor installing telephone lines cut the force main serving the Johnson Road Waste Water Treatment Plant. The leak lasted about 40 minutes, and the force main has been repaired.

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 Miller Creek for recreational purposes. All seafood harvested in the affected areas 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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