

**January 30, 2019**

## **MAWSS reports Sanitary Sewer Overflow caused by broken sewer lateral**

MOBILE, Alabama — Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS) experienced a Sanitary Sewer Overflow on January 30. Approximately 120 gallons of sewer overflowed into Rabby Creek — near the intersection of Michigan Avenue & Avenue J — because of a break in a sewer lateral. MAWSS crews have made the necessary repairs.

Dr. Bernard H. Eichold II, Health Officer for Mobile County, advises area residents to take precautions when coming into contact with any standing water that may have accumulated as a result of these overflows. Those who have come into direct contact with untreated sewage are advised to wash their hands and clothing thoroughly.

Area residents should take precautions when using Rabby Creek for recreational purposes because of the overflow. All seafood harvested in this general area should be thoroughly cooked before eating. People should wash hands after cleaning seafood and before preparing food.

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