

**March 3, 2021**

**Prichard reports Sanitary Sewer Overflows caused by heavy rains**

MOBILE, Alabama — Prichard Water Works & Sewer responded to numerous Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO) on March 2 caused by heavy rains. The public was notified by signs marking the area and has since been cleaned and sanitized.

The nearest manhole location, estimated amount and receiving water as reported by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management is listed below:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Estimated Gallons</b>	<b>Receiving Water</b>
823 College St.	more than 10,000/less than 25,000	Toulmins Spring Branch
Newsome St. & Prichard Lane	more than 1,000/less than 10,000	Toulmins Spring Branch
211 Patricia Avenue	more than 10,000/less than 25,000	Gum Tree Branch
2408 Whistler St.	more than 1,000/less than 10,000	Gum Tree Branch

There is also an SSO at the intersection of Chinn Street and Butt Street. It was ongoing as of 9:30 a.m.

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 Toulmins Spring Branch and Gum Tree Branch for recreational purposes because of these overflows. All seafood harvested in this general area should be thoroughly cooked before eating. People should wash hands after cleaning seafood and before preparing food.