

April 4, 2017

Sanitary Sewer Overflows reported by MAWSS

MOBILE, Alabama — Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) responded to Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO) on Monday, April 3, at numerous locations.

Approximately 407,400 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Dog River as a result of a lift station failure. The locations affected were at 1910 Kentwood Lane, 2062 Forest Lane and 2020 Bakers Lane. MAWSS crews have made repairs and are taking further steps to prevent future overflows at the listed locations.

MAWSS officials said approximately 343,080 gallons of additional wastewater overflowed as a result of the heavy rainfall and flooding. The waterways affected were Eslava Creek (269,320), Mobile River (51,725), Three Mile Creek (21,115) and Dog River (920).

Dr. Bernard H. Eichold II, Health Officer for the 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. 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 Eslava Creek, Mobile River, Three Mile Creek and Dog River 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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