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MAWSS reports Sanitary Sewer Overflows

Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS) is currently experiencing sanitary sewer overflows as a result of heavy rain and flooding. The waterways affected are Three Mile Creek, Eslava Creek and Dog River.

According to MAWSS, its sewer system is designed to collect and convey wastewater to a MAWSS wastewater treatment plant. During heavy rains, storm water infiltrates and inundates aging sewer lines causing manholes to overflow. Though highly diluted, the wastewater enters storm drains that lead directly to creeks and streams. MAWSS is currently pursuing capital projects to address wet weather overflows and rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer system.

Below are the totals for those locations as of the 3 p.m. report:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Gallons</u>	<u>Receiving Water</u>
Parkway Dr. @ Peer Ct.	195	Dog River
2335 Dog River Dr. S	Ongoing	Dog River
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Dog River Dr. W @ Bream Dr.	585	Dog River
2409 Octavia Dr. S	Ongoing	Dog River
208 Westwood St.	Ongoing	Eslava Creek
175 Westwood St	1850	Eslava Creek
211 Westwood St.	500	Eslava Creek
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50 Westwood St. @ Homewood St	300	Eslava Creek
202 Morgan Ave.	Ongoing	Eslava Creek
251 Island Ct.	1150	Eslava Creek
27 Audubon Pl.	80	Eslava Creek
766 Johnson Ave.	6000	Eslava Creek
1050 Lubel Ave.	100	Three Mile Creek

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 Three Mile Creek, Eslava Creek and Dog River for recreational purposes because of the 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.