

**September 12, 2017**

## **MAWSS reports Sanitary Sewer Overflow caused by third party**

MOBILE, Alabama — Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) responded to a Sanitary Sewer Overflow caused by a third party on September 11 at 2556 Fire Tower Road. Approximately 450 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Hamilton Creek as a result of a broken force main. MAWSS crews have made the repair and will assess the third party for the damages.

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 Hamilton 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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