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Bayou La Batre reports Sanitary Sewer Overflow

MOBILE, Alabama -- The Utilities Board of the City of Bayou La Batre has notified the Mobile County Health Department of a Sanitary Sewer Overflow that occurred on September 14. The location was at the intersection of Niolon Lane and Shell Belt Road.

Officials said a third-party crew drove a street sign into the ground and ruptured the sewer line. An estimated 4,000 gallons spilled into a drainage ditch. Bayou La Batre workers blocked the ditch and the spill was contained. The overflow was removed by pumper truck and the area was disinfected.

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 this overflow. Those who have come into direct contact with untreated sewage are advised to wash their hands and clothing thoroughly.

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