

**December 13, 2018**

## **MAWSS reports Sanitary Sewer Overflow caused by grease**

MOBILE, Alabama — Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) responded to a Sanitary Sewer Overflow on December 12 from a manhole at 429 Bel Air Boulevard. Approximately 2,350 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Eslava Creek as a result of a grease blockage on the main line. MAWSS crews have cleared the blockage and are taking steps to prevent further overflows at this location.

Grease blockages occur when foods containing fats, oil or grease are put down the drain. MAWSS provides free containers for grease recycling. To learn more about the program, visit [www.ItsEasyToBeUngreasy.com](http://www.ItsEasyToBeUngreasy.com).

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 Eslava 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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