

**February 2, 2018**

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

MOBILE, Alabama — Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) responded to a sanitary sewer overflow on February 2, near Buford Drive East (between Lisloy Drive & Dewitt Street). Approximately 900 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Three Mile Creek because of a debris and grease blockage. MAWSS crews have cleared the blockages 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 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 this area 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.