

April 6, 2018

Dauphin Island reports Sanitary Sewer Overflow

MOBILE, Alabama — The Dauphin Island Water and Sewer Authority (DIWSA) experienced a Sanitary Sewer Overflow on April 5. Personnel at the Waste Water Treatment Plant located at 701 Lemoyne Drive responded to the overflow in the main pumping station.

Approximately 2,000 gallons spilled onto the Waste Water Treatment Plant property while approximately 500 gallons ran onto an adjacent property. All of the water at both locations was vacuumed up and the ground was disinfected. Signage was posted and DISWA personnel remained onsite until the water was removed and the disinfection occurred.

DISWA officials report a faulty breaker at the treatment plant was the cause of the overflow, which lasted for approximately five minutes. Officials report no receiving waters were affected.

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 the 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.