

# Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS)

## News Advisory

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### Heavy Rains Cause Wastewater Overflows

Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS) is currently experiencing wastewater overflows as a result of heavy rains in the Mobile area on September 15, 2021. Below are the locations and receiving waters. A final update will be provided once all overflows have stopped.

MAWSS sewer system is designed to collect and convey wastewater to a MAWSS wastewater treatment plant. During heavy rains, stormwater infiltrates and inundates aging sewer lines causing manholes to overflow. MAWSS is pursuing capital projects to reduce the number of SSOs caused by wet weather.

Health Department precautions regarding contact with impacted waters and seafood preparation should be followed.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Gallons</u>	<u>Receiving Waters</u>
766 Johnston Ave.	Ongoing	Eslava Creek
1050 Lubel Ave.	Ongoing	Three Mile Creek
Airport Blvd. @ Easement (2)	Ongoing	Halls Mill Creek

In order to reduce the impact of heavy rains infiltrating our sewer lines, which limits the sewer system's capacity to move wastewater flows to our treatment plants, MAWSS diverts wastewater to our large temporary storage facilities. The diversion of flows reduces wastewater volumes in the collection system and aids in maintaining conveyance capacity in the system. Below is a listing of the storage facilities and volumes of wastewater diverted to each.

Wednesday 9/15/2021 @ 1p.m.

Three Mile SWAT	Currently Diverting	4,763,396 Total Gallons
Eslava SWAT	Currently Diverting	616,666 Total Gallons