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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) issued a water contact advisory Thursday for a segment of Sand Creek in the Starkville area. The advisory extends from the headwaters of the unnamed tributary that flows from south of Highway 182 to the North Farm on to the confluence with Sand Creek northwest of Starkville Ford-Lincoln, then southeast past Highland Plantation until the confluence with the northern tributary of Sand Creek south of East Starkville Church/Greenland Road.

The advisory is being issued due to a line blockage near the North Farm wastewater pumping station at Mississippi State University that resulted in a release of 15,000 gallons of wastewater into the creek. The City of Starkville has finished repairs, but MDEQ recommends that people avoid water contact such as swimming, wading, and fishing. People should also avoid eating fish or anything else taken from these waters until further notice.

MDEQ will monitor the water quality in the creek and will revise the advisory as needed.

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