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**MDEQ ISSUES TEMPORARY ADVISORY FOR TOWN CREEK IN JACKSON**  
***Advisory for Purple Creek Lifted; Caney Creek Advisory in Effect***

(JACKSON, Miss.) –The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) issued a temporary water contact advisory Monday for Town Creek in Jackson due to a wastewater discharge

from Baptist Hospital into the city's stormwater collection system. The advisory extends for a portion

of Town Creek from Fortification Street to the confluence with the Pearl River.

Last Thursday the City of Jackson discovered wastewater from Baptist Hospital going into the storm

drain system in the area. A contractor for Baptist Hospital, Rebel High Velocity, has corrected the

problem and will continue to monitor the line. MDEQ staff today determined that wastewater flow has

been restored to the city's collection system and is no longer flowing into the storm drain.

MDEQ staff

has begun to monitor bacteria levels and water quality in the creek and will revise the advisory as needed.

MDEQ recommends that people avoid water contact recreation such as swimming or wading in these

waters. In addition, people should avoid eating fish from these waters until further notice.

\*MDEQ has lifted a temporary water contact advisory issued December 15 for Purple Creek in northeast

Jackson. This advisory applied to Purple Creek at Sedgewick Drive downstream to the confluence with

the Pearl River. Monitoring by MDEQ staff shows bacteria levels in the area have returned to normal.

\*A temporary water contact advisory released December 20 for Caney Creek in south Jackson is still in

effect. This advisory applies to Caney Creek from Highway 18 downstream to McClure Road.

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