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MDEQ ISSUES WATER CONTACT ADVISORY FOR TURKEY CREEK IN GULFPORT

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

issued a temporary water contact advisory Wednesday afternoon for Turkey Creek in

Gulfport from the U.S. Highway 49 bridge downstream to Gulfport Lake. This advisory

is being issued due to a broken sewer line that is discharging untreated wastewater to

Turkey Creek.

MDEQ recommends that people avoid water contact recreation such as wading or swimming in these areas. In addition, people should avoid eating fish from these waters

until further notice.

The leak occurred in a twenty-four inch force main near the north end of Louisiana Avenue. The Utility Authority contractor and the City of Gulfport are working to get the

problem repaired and minimize impact on the stream. MDEQ will be monitoring bacteria

levels in the stream, and the advisory will be lifted when water sampling shows bacteria

levels have dropped to acceptable levels.

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