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MDEQ Issues Three Temporary Water Advisories for Areas in Jackson

(JACKSON, Miss.) –The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Wednesday issued two temporary water contact advisories and one precautionary advisory due to manhole sewage overflows that took place today.

Attached is a map showing the locations of the manholes that overflowed and the advisory areas.

- The area in red is a manhole located between Fairground Street and Pascagoula Street. The advisory is for an unnamed slough that does not connect to the Pearl River.
- •A second advisory is shown in blue for a manhole at the east end of High Street. The drainage here goes into the lake at East River Place which is located at the east end of Fortification Street.
- •MDEQ is also issuing a precautionary advisory for the Pearl River from the Lowhead Dam at the Jackson Water Treatment Plant at Waterworks Curve to the Interstate 20 bridge that crosses over the Pearl River.

MDEQ staff will monitor bacteria levels and water quality beginning Thursday 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.