

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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**STATEMENT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MEETS WATER QUALITY STANDARDS**

The Department of Health (DOH) lifted its precautionary health advisory issued on March 2 after the Withlacoochee Water Control Plant in Valdosta, GA overflowed into the Withlacoochee River, which flows south and connects with the Suwannee River. River water samples taken by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) indicate the river water meets surface water quality standards. However, with potential flooding in the area, DOH encourages residents to take precautions when in contact with flood waters, to include thoroughly washing and rinsing any exposed body parts with soap and disinfected water. Residents in flood-affected areas should take precautions to avoid consuming potentially contaminated water.

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