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## STATEMENT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: WITHLACOOCHEE AND SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MEETS WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

The Department of Health (DOH) has lifted its precautionary health advisory issued on April 25 after the Lowndes County utility department located a sanitary sewer overflow which spilled into the Withlacoochee River. The Withlacoochee flows south and connects with the Suwannee River.

Recent river water samples taken by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) indicate the river water meets surface water quality standards.

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