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JOINT PRESS RELEASE: HEALTH ADVISORY RESCINDED FOR LAKE VIVIAN AND CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY IN SHALIMAR, FLORIDA



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Okaloosa County, Fla. – The health advisory issued by the Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa) has been rescinded for the following bodies of water in Okaloosa County:

- Lake Vivian (also known as Lake Clyde)
- Choctawhatchee Bay in Shalimar

Okaloosa County Water and Sewer (OCWS) has conducted water sampling and testing, and both Lake Vivian and the Choctawhatchee Bay have tested within the recommended surface water quality standards required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This was in response to an estimated 2,800-gallon sewage spill that occurred on Sunday, November 20, 2016, due to an overflow of a wastewater manhole located at the intersection of Bayshore Drive and Palm Boulevard in Shalimar, Florida. The wastewater overflowed into a storm drain that discharges into Lake Vivian. Sewage did not get into any drinking water sources, and water available through the public water system continues to be safe to drink.

For more information about the recession of the health advisory, contact DOH-Okaloosa at 850-833-9247 or www.HealthyOkaloosa.com.

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