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PRESS RELEASE:

CANCELLATION OF SWIM ADVISORY NOTICE IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Release Date: March 9, 2017

Issued By: Margaret B. Dollar, Health Director

At 11:30 am on March 9, 2017, the Lincoln County Health Director cancelled the No Swimming Advisory issued March 1, 2017 for Graham Creek Cove on Lake Norman near Mariner's Pointe, in Denver, North Carolina. The Advisory was issued due to a sewage spill from a manhole in a privately owned sewer system. The spill entered Lake Norman at Graham Creek Cove. This decision to cancel the Advisory is based on water sample testing conducted by a private contractor selected by the Mariner's Pointe at Smithstone Townhomes Owners Association, Inc.

Lincoln County Environmental Health was notified today that two consecutive water samples taken from the affected area indicated fecal coliform counts below the maximum allowable contaminant level (<200 parts per billion). This meets North Carolina Division of Water Quality standards and therefore the Swim Advisory has been lifted.

The advisory was originally issued March 1, 2017, when an unknown quantity of sewage spilled into Lake Norman. The spill was due to a plumbing clog in a manhole.

Residents in the immediate area are being notified of the cancellation today using the county's website and social media accounts. This press release has also been sent to local media. The No Swimming signs will be removed today.

The general public can receive these type notices by enrolling in the county "Citizen Alert" system on the county website, www.lincolncounty.org – click on "Emergency Alerts."

For further information, please contact Lincoln County Environmental Health at 704-736-8426 or Public Works at (704) 736-8497.

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VISION STATEMENT

Lincoln County Health Department services will promote healthy lifestyles through prevention, preparedness, and education.