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RE: SWIMMING ADVISORY ISSUED

(LINCOLN COUNTY –3989 Blue Dory Lane in the Eastwind Cove Subdivision off Webbs Road, Denver, NC 28037)

The Lincoln County Health Director issued a Swimming Advisory at 12:30 pm Tuesday, October 24, 2017 for a sewage spill into Lake Norman at 3989 Blue Dory Lane, Denver, North Carolina, in the Eastwind Cove Subdivision. Approximately one hundred gallons of untreated sewage may have leaked into an unnamed cove. The wastewater spill occurred due to a power failure at a sewage pump station resulting in a pump failure and an adjacent manhole overflow. The flow has been stopped and the Lincoln County Public Works Department is taking water samples to determine the level of potential bacterial infection into Lake Norman.

As a preventive measure, the health director is advising all residents and boaters that this area may be contaminated with fecal coliform. Residents and lake users are advised not to swim or otherwise have bodily contact in that area. No Swimming Advisory signs have been posted, a public notification message was sent to the properties affected and adjacent to the sewer spill site using a mass notification system, and this release is also being sent to all local media and to the county's website (www.lincolncounty.org/health).

The Lincoln County Public Works Department will continue water testing and will notify the Lincoln County Health Department and public when it is clear to resume lake activities in this area. Until at least two consecutive samples indicate fecal coliform counts <200/ml at all sampling sites, the swimming advisory will remain in effect. This decision is based on state guidelines per the Mooresville Regional Office of the NC Division of Environmental Management.

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