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Press Release: CANCELLATION OF SWIM ADVISORY NOTICE IN LINCOLN COUNTY

At 3:45 pm, on October 6, 2015, the Lincoln County Health Director cancelled the "No Swimming" Advisory issued September 30, 2015 for the Lake Norman cove which borders Smithstone Subdivision in Denver, NC. Water quality has now returned to a safe level so lake activities may resume in this area.

Lincoln County Public Works has collected water samples for testing daily from three sites at the affected area. Two consecutive samples showed test results below the required maximum levels at all three sites, and all sampling now meets the North Carolina Division of Water Quality standards. Therefore the swim advisory has been lifted.

The advisory was issued the morning of September 30th when approximately 1000 gallons of sewage spilled into the Smithstone cove on Lake Norman due to a mechanical failure at lift station #16 located at 2392 Smith Harbor Drive in Denver. The mechanical failure was repaired and the spill was stopped within an hour of it being reported to Lincoln County Public Works. "No Swimming" advisory signs were immediately posted; the public was informed through media releases and county website postings; and residents in the immediate area received a pre-recorded phone message alert if they were registered with the Lincoln County's emergency notification system.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret B. Dollar".

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