

5. Did Valdosta keep DPH or Lowndes Health informed about water quality testing results after the spill was discovered?

Not to my knowledge

6. Human-specific genetic markers can be measured in water samples to detect human fecal pollution in water environments. Has any testing of this type been performed on Withlacoochee River samples? If so what are the results? If not why not?

We do not perform this type of testing. If testing occurred on the rivers, results have not been reported to this office to my knowledge. I do not know if they were reported to Lowndes County H.D.

7. Can DPH or Lowndes Health require Valdosta to inform neighboring counties, especially Brooks County if the spill affects the Withlacoochee River, and Echols County if the spill wwalswatershed@gmail.com PO Box 88, Hahira, GA 31632 Page 1 of 2 2019-12-09 850-290-2350 www.wwals.net affects the Alapahoochee River?

We do not have authority to require City of Valdosta to inform on this matter

8. As you can see in this composite spreadsheet, Sugar Creek for weeks, and the Withlacoochee River downstream of there for at least a week, was seriously contaminated with human waste bacteria. <http://wwals.net/?p=51176> How GA DPH or Lowndes Health help inform the public about such public health issues in our waterways?

To my knowledge, City of Valdosta or Georgia EPD did not ask for assistance in informing the public.

9. The Madison and Hamilton County, Florida, Health Departments twice issued a joint health advisory, on December 9, lifted December 16, and on December 20, lifted January 3, 2020. That first Florida advisory it turns out was unnecessary, because low flow kept the sewage mostly in Sugar Creek for a week. How can DPH or Lowndes Health keep Florida agencies and citizens better informed about Georgia sources of waterway contamination approaching Florida?

This would be City of Valdosta and/or Georgia EPD responsibility

10. The whole time from the apparent start date of the spill, December 3, 2019, until at least December 30, 2019, Valdosta's sewage was in waterways in Georgia. Why did DPH or Lowndes Health never issue a health advisory for Sugar Creek or the Withlacoochee River?

We were not asked to assist with an advisory. City of Valdosta and/or Georgia EPD responsibility

11. Hamilton County, Florida put health advisory warning signs at all its Withlacoochee River access points, and even upstream from the Withlacoochee Confluence on the Suwannee River. Florida Parks put a warning sign at Madison Blue Spring. Yet there were never any warning signs on the Withlacoochee River downstream from Sugar Creek. Valdosta says they put a sign at the Sugar Creek Confluence, there was one at the Gornto Road Bridge over Sugar Creek, and at Troupville Boat Ramp upstream on the Little River from