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## WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER WATER MEETS WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

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**Madison, FL** – On July 25, 2022, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) released a precautionary press release regarding elevated fecal bacteria levels south of Valdosta, Georgia in the Withlacoochee River which flows into the Florida Suwannee River. DOH, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Suwannee River Water Management District have been monitoring the situation closely by evaluating water test results collected by DEP along the Withlacoochee River in Florida. All samples were below Florida’s water quality standards or advisory levels for fecal indicators.

DOH will continue to observe and evaluate any future water quality results provided by the City of Valdosta.

Past and future Florida sample results can be viewed on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection site: [floridadep.gov/dear/watershed-monitoring-section/content/suwannee-river-basin-sampling-locations](https://floridadep.gov/dear/watershed-monitoring-section/content/suwannee-river-basin-sampling-locations).

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