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Continued Heavy Rainfall Causes Overflow

WACO, TEXAS (May 13, 2024) - The City of Waco has continued to experience heavy rainfall that caused rainwater and diluted wastewater to overflow at several manholes. The City estimates the overflow volume at 69,805 gallons.

May 12, 2024, a customer reported that a manhole at 2200 Lyle Ave. was overflowing. During the same rain event, the department received high water alerts from sewer meters indicating that overflows might be occurring. Staff responded to the notifications and investigated surrounding areas as well.

Several manholes were overflowing, so the water was chlorinated for disinfection and sampled for testing. The area was then dechlorinated so the water could more safely enter the stormwater drains. Water Utility Services will increase monitoring of the water supply as a precautionary measure.

At the time of this notice, all affected manholes have stopped overflowing.

Please refer to the following page for the official Texas Commission on Environmental Quality notice regarding this event.

Media questions about this wastewater discharge should be directed to Jessica Emmett Sellers, Utilities Public Information Office, (254) 750-7039 or (254) 405-7024.



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**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Public Notification of Wastewater Discharges**

WACO, TEXAS (May 13, 2024) Notice: An unauthorized discharge or spill of wastewater has occurred from a City of Waco collection facility and system.

Facility Name: Various Locations (sewer pipeline owned by City of Waco)

Person to contact for information: Mike Norman (254) 750-8049

Location(s) of spill:

- 916 N. Valley Mills Dr
- 1100 University Parks Dr
- 2500 Bagby Ave
- 2200 Lyle Ave
- 1900 Edna Ave
- 1000 Trice Ave

Estimated date and time of spill: May 12, 2024 at 1:10 p.m.

Estimated volume of spill: 69,805

Type of spill: Domestic Sanitary Sewer

Description of area potentially affected, including down gradient and lateral distance from spill site: Addresses listed above

Suspected cause(s) of the spill: heavy rain inundating the sanitary sewer system

List of actions taken including but not limited to:

Notification of:

- Appropriate local government officials have been notified.
- TCEQ Regional Office has been notified.

Containment of spill:



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- Staff used chlorine and dechlorination to disinfect the area
- Increased monitoring of water supply as a precautionary measure



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Precautionary Statement

Anyone downstream of this location should take the precautions below and monitor their system. The City of Waco's water supply and water quality have not been affected by this situation. City of Waco Water Laboratory staff conduct over 6,000 water quality tests annually.

As required by TCEQ, we recommend the following precautionary measures for:

- 1) Persons using private drinking water supply wells located within ½ mile of the spill site or within the potentially affected area should use only water that has been distilled or boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute for all personal uses including drinking cooking, bathing, and tooth brushing. Individuals with private water wells should have their well water tested and disinfected, if necessary, prior to discontinuing distillation or boiling.
- 2) Persons who purchase water from a public water supply may contact their water supply distributor to determine if the water is safe for personal use.
- 3) The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill.
- 4) If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil, or water potentially affected by the spill, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.