



**CITY OF WACO**

**Municipal Information**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**Notice of Wastewater Discharge**

Waco, Texas (April 21, 2016) – Due to substantial rainfall, an unauthorized discharge of wastewater has occurred from the City of Waco Wastewater Collection System.

The discharge, totaling approximately 50,000 gallons/day of domestic wastewater, is occurring into Lake Waco, near 4200 Green Oak Dr., due to a wastewater lift-station being flooded by water from the lake. The discharge is expected to continue until the water of the lake recedes.

Facility Name: City of Waco Wastewater Collection System (Lift-Station)

Person to contact for information: Lisa Tyer, (254) 750-8040

Location of spill(s): 4200 Green Oak Dr., in Lake Waco

Estimated date and time of spill(s): April 20, 9:26 p.m. – ongoing

Estimated volume of spill(s)(number of gallons): 50,000/day

Type of Spill (domestic, industrial, other): domestic wastewater

Area potentially affected: Lake Waco

Suspected cause of spill(s): lift-station flooded by Lake Waco

**List of actions taken include, but are not limited to:**

- Notification of appropriate local government officials
- Notification of TCEQ Regional Office

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**THIS IS NOT A BOIL WATER NOTICE.** The information below includes mandatory health safety statements required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The city’s wastewater collection system is completely separate from the drinking water system and **the City of Waco has no reason to believe drinking water, distributed by the City of Waco, has been compromised or affected in any way.**

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**Persons May Wish to Take the Following Personal Precautions:**

- 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.
- 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.
- The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill.
- 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.

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