



CITY OF WACO

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Notice of Wastewater Discharge

Due to substantial rainfall over the past few days, the Waco Metropolitan Regional Sewerage System (WMARSS) experienced discharges of domestic wastewater.

The discharges, totaling over 1.98 million gallons of domestic wastewater, occurred at the WMARSS main lift station at 1147 Treatment Plant Rd.

All discharges have stopped. Crews worked through the weekend to contain and disinfect the discharges.

THIS IS NOT A BOIL WATER NOTICE. The information below is a mandatory notice required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This notice includes mandatory language which indicates the need to boil your water prior to use. In spite of this mandatory language, ***WE DO NOT HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THE DRINKING WATER HAS BEEN TAINTED OR COMPROMISED IN ANY WAY.*** The City of Waco drinking water system is completely separate from the wastewater collection system and has not been affected.

NOTICE OF SPILL FROM A WASTEWATER FACILITY

A spill from a wastewater treatment or collection facility has occurred.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPILL:

Facility Name: **Waco Metropolitan Area Regional Sewerage System (WMARSS)**

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Location of the spill: **WMARSS main lift station, 1147 Treatment Plant Rd.**

Estimated time and date of spill: **5:30 a.m. – 6:05 p.m., 10/24/15; 10:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., 10/25/15**

Estimated volume of the spill (number of gallons): **over 1.98 million gallons**

Type of spill (domestic) (industrial) (other) Explain other: **domestic wastewater**

Area potentially affected: **Brazos River, south of Treatment Plant Rd.**

Suspected cause of spill: **substantial, multi-day rainfall events**

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN:

Appropriate local governmental officials have been notified.

TCEQ regional office has been notified.

The spill has been contained.

Increased monitoring of water supply systems has been initiated.

Clean-up activities are underway / completed.

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.