



CITY OF WACO

Municipal Information

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Notice of Wastewater Discharge

Waco, Texas (November 11, 2016) – Due to a dislodged manhole cover and the resulting blockage of the line by debris, an unauthorized discharge of wastewater occurred from the City of Waco Wastewater Collection System.

The discharge, totaling an estimated 306,000 gallons/day of domestic wastewater, occurred into Flat Creek, near 7901 Panther Way. The discharge was stopped, as of 2:00 p.m., and crews are working to clean and disinfect the area.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISCHARGE:

Facility Name: City of Waco Wastewater Collection System

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

Location of spill(s): 7901 Panther Way, into Flat Creek

Estimated date and time of spill(s): November 11, 12:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Estimated volume of spill(s)(number of gallons): 306,000 gallons

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

Area potentially affected: area around manhole near 7901 Panther Way, Flat Creek

Suspected cause of spill(s): manhole cover had been dislodged and debris entered and clogged wastewater line

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

- Notification of appropriate local government officials
- Notification of TCEQ Regional Office
- Clean-up activities are underway / completed

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.**

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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