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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF WASTEWATER DISCHARGES

**WACO, TEXAS (October 29, 2023)** — An unauthorized discharge or spill of wastewater has occurred from a City of Waco collection facility.

City of Waco Cloice Creek Lift Station located at 1625 Hannah Hill Rd., Woodway, TX 76712

Person to contact for information: Lisa Tyer, 254-750-8079

Location of spill: 1625 Hannah Hill Rd., Woodway, TX 76712

Estimated date and time of spill: October 28, 2023, approximately 8:45 am

Estimated volume of spill: 144,000 gallons

Type of spill: Domestic Sanitary Sewer

Description of area potentially affected, including down gradient and lateral distance from spill site: From 1625 Hannah Hill Rd. to Highway 84, approximately 700 feet Southwest.

Suspected cause of the spill: pump malfunction

## 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:

- Pumps were reset and overflow subsided at approximately 11:45 am, October 28, 2023.
- Crews have completed the cleanup and disinfection of the spill area as of 6:00 pm, October 28, 2023.
- 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.

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