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NECESSARY REPAIRS NEAR LANDON BRANCH LIFT STATION COMPLETED

WACO, TEXAS (Month 20, 2024) — After receiving a complaint advising the City of a sewer odor in the area of 4109 Evergreen Circle, Water Utility Services staff conducted an investigation. They discovered a broken wastewater pipe in a ravine near where the complaint originated. The broken pipe was located approximately 500 feet north of the City's Landon Branch Wastewater Lift Station located at 2729 Glendale Drive.

The overflow, estimated at 70,000 gallons, extended from the location of the broken pipe then down the dry streambed a distance of approximately 1000 feet to a point North of 3724 Willow Bend Circle. The spill was confined to this area. No wastewater was discharged into Lake Waco. During the repair, the nearby Landon Branch Lift Station was out of service. Once repairs were made, the area was sanitized, and the lift station was returned to working order. 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 (Month 20, 2024) — Notice: An unauthorized discharge or spill of wastewater has occurred from a City of Waco collection facility.

City of Waco Landon Branch Lift Station located at 2729 Glendale Drive

- Person to contact for information: Mike Norman, 254-750-8049
- Location of spill: Landon Branch Lift Station, located at 2729 Glendale Drive, Waco, Texas
- Estimated date and time of spill: March 19, 2024 at 11:45 a.m. to March 20, 2024 at 12 p.m.
- Estimated volume of spill: 70,000 gallons
- Type of spill: Domestic Sanitary Sewer
- Description of area potentially affected, including down gradient and lateral distance from spill site: From approximately 500 feet North of the Lift Station to a point North of 3724 Willow Bend Circle approximately 700 feet in length. The spill was confined in a seasonal creek and did not flow into Lake Waco.
- Suspected cause of the spill: pipe failure

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:

- Crews have completed repairs, and the lift station is fully operational as of March 20 at 4:18 p.m.
- Staff utilized bleach in the area and chlorine tablets in the waste stream.
- 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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