



HOUSTON PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE OF SPILL FROM A WASTEWATER FACILITY

A SPILL FROM A **COLLECTION SYSTEM** HAS OCCURRED.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPILL:

FACILITY NAME	WEST DISTRICT (WD) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SERVICE AREA
CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION	Alanna Reed PIO 832-395-2455 713-899-0165 (mobile)
LOCATION OF THE SPILL	WD: 9602 Longmont, near the intersection of Gessner Road
ESTIMATED START TIME AND DATE OF SPILL	2:43 p.m., October 16, 2017 - Present
ESTIMATED VOLUME OF THE SPILL (NUMBER OF GALLONS)	Greater than 300,000 gallons (ongoing as of 11:00a.m., October 19, 2017)
TYPE OF SPILL (DOMESTIC WASTEWATER)	Untreated domestic wastewater
AREA POTENTIALLY AFFECTED	Buffalo Bayou near 9602 Longmont, including at least 300 feet downstream
SUSPECTED CAUSE OF SPILL	Buffalo Bayou (South bank) embankment collapsed post-flooding due to Hurricane Harvey causing the structural failure of a 150 foot section of 42-inch diameter gravity fed sanitary sewer pipe. Access is complex and subsurface is unstable, impeding implementation of remedial measures. Sewage entering Buffalo Bayou directly.

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.
- ☐ The cause of the spill has been corrected.
- ☒ Clean-up activities are underway and will continue until repairs have been completed.



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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.