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Public Notification for Wastewater Discharge due to Heavy Rain Event

ROCKPORT, TX – Due to a heavy rainfall event, a sanitary sewer overflow occurred at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 1401 N. Pearl Street in Rockport, Texas. At approximately 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 2026, an estimated 400,000 gallons of wastewater exceeded the designated containment area at the facility.

The affected area was promptly treated and disinfected with HTH Chlorine Powder in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements.

The required TCEQ public notification is attached.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Public Notification Form for Wastewater Discharges

Information about the Discharge

An unauthorized discharge or spill of wastewater has occurred from:

Wastewater Treatment Facility: X Collection System: _____

Facility Name: Rockport Wastewater Treatment Facility

Person to contact for information: Ryan Picarazzi, (361) 729-1160

Location of spill(s): 1401 N Pearl, Rockport Texas

Estimated date and time of spill(s): June 16, 2026, at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Estimated volume of spill(s)(number of gallons): Estimated volume is a 400,000 gallons.

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

Description of the area potentially affected, including down gradient and lateral distance from spill(s) site: Storm water Site #2 and traveled approximately 460 feet to the east.

Suspected cause of spill(s): Heavy Rain Event

List of actions taken including but, not limited to:

Notification of:

Appropriate local government officials: X TCEQ Regional Office: X

Containment of spill: On site and traveled approximately 460 feet to the east.

Increased monitoring of water supply systems: Consulting with the City's engineer to evaluate collection system capacity and performance during significant rainfall events.

Initiation or completion of cleanup activities: Applied HTH Chlorine Powder to the affected area for disinfection and removed remaining debris from the ground surface.

If the Wastewater Spill meets the following conditions:

1. The spill is 50,000 gallons or more where one or more of the following conditions also exists:
 - (A) the spill occurs within 1/2-mile of a public or private source of drinking water;
 - (B) the spill occurs within 1/2-mile of a private drinking water well which is located within 1/2-mile of a public water supply well;
 - (C) the spill occurs within 1/2-mile up-gradient of a surface water intake of a public or private source of drinking water;
 - (D) the spill occurs in an active groundwater recharge area;
 - (E) the spill occurs up-gradient and within 1/2-mile of a karst terrain or shallow alluvial well that is a source of drinking water; **OR**
2. The spill is 100,000 gallons or more.

Ensure the notice contains the following precautionary statements:

1. Persons using private drinking water supply wells located within 1/2 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.