

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
INTRA-AGENCY ROUTING FORM**

TO: Enforcement Division

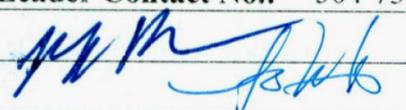
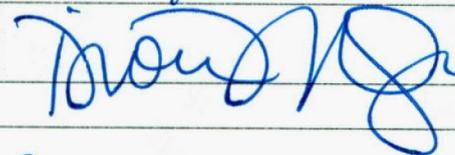
FROM: Surveillance Division

Routing Date: June 28, 2024

Facility Information

Company Name: Bogalusa City of - WWTP			
Facility Site Name: Bogalusa City of - WWTP			
Agency Interest No: 19934		Alt. AI No: LA0046515 T-219273 T-219424	
Mailing Address: 202 Arkansas Street		Physical address: 214 Arkansas St	
City, State, Zip:	Bogalusa, LA 70427	City, Parish:	Bogalusa, Washington
Responsible Party/Contact Person: Hon. Tyrin Truong			
Responsible Party/Contact Person Telephone No: (985) 732-6200			

Inspection/Referral Information

Inspection Date: May 22, 2024	Hours Spent On Inspection/Report: 40	
Media: Check all that apply		
Air (inc. asbestos/lead): <input type="checkbox"/>	Water: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Haz. Waste: <input type="checkbox"/> Risk MPs: <input type="checkbox"/> Remediation: <input type="checkbox"/>
Solid Waste (inc. tires): <input type="checkbox"/>	UST: <input type="checkbox"/>	Radiation: <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 & 2: <input type="checkbox"/>
Complaint? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Follow up? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<i>If yes</i>
		<i>Enforcement Action Number</i>
Inspector/Team Leader Name: Thomas Aepelbacher		
Inspector/Team Leader Contact No.: 504-736-7734		
Approved By: 	Date: 8/16/24	
Approved By: 	Date: 8/14/24	
Circuit Rider Review: 	Date: 8/19/24	
RC 7/22 RC 8/15/24 		

ENF per RCS guidelines

Basis for Routing (check all that apply)

Areas of Concern: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contamination Above RECAP: <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Conveyance Notice Only	Activity Number: INS20240001
Other: <input type="checkbox"/>	Please Explain:

Additional Information: *This section should state the specific reason for the referral, actions that have been taken by the referring division and supporting documentation. This section should also provide sufficient discussion and/or documentation for the Division receiving the referral to take action including documentation of events leading to the referral and company contact information.*

Nature and reason for referral:

Subject Item:	Requirement:	Comments:
AI 19934	LAC 33:IX.501.D	Facility did not properly maintain the collection system and had an unauthorized discharge in violation of LAC 33:IX.2701.E and LAC 33:IX.501.D. Specifically, the facility had 5 sewage overflows since the last inspection including a prolonged release that occurred for 13 days and resulted in sewage discharging into Bogue Lusa Creek.
AI 19934	LAC 33:IX.2701.E	Facility did not properly maintain the collection system and had an unauthorized discharge in violation of LAC 33:IX.2701.E and LAC 33:IX.501.D. Specifically, the facility had 5 sewage overflows since the last inspection including a prolonged release that occurred for 13 days and resulted in sewage discharging into Bogue Lusa Creek.



LPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding (ICIS)

Agency Interest Number: 19934	LPDES Permit Number LA0046515	Inspection Date 5/22/2024	Inspection Type CEI	Inspection By: State	If Joint Lead Inspector
Facility Type Municipal		Class Significant Minor			
Facility Evaluation Rating (1,2,3,4,5) an 1 = very unreliable; 3 = satisfactory; 5 = very reliable		2			

Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and LPDES permit number): City of Bogalusa Wastewater Treatment Plant 214 Arkansas Street, Bogalusa, LA 70429	Entry Time /Date 5/22/2024 11:15 AM	Permit Effective Date August 15, 2023
	Exit Time/Date 5/22/2024 1:20 PM	Permit Expiration Date August 14, 2028
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) James Patterson – Director of Public Works 985-503-2856	Receiving Stream: Basin Subsegment: 001-Pearl River (090101)	
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number Hon Tyrin Truong – Mayor 202 Arkansas Street, Bogalusa, LA 70427	Responsible Official Contacted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Section D: Narrative Explanation (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Introduction

Tom Aepelbacher, LDEQ Inspector, conducted a complaint investigation at the above facility to determine compliance with the LPDES Permit. The facility representative was James Patterson, Director of Public Works for City of Bogalusa. The inspection included site visits on May 22, 2024, June 11, 2024 and June 25, 2024. The complaint investigation was conducted as a result of multiple incident complaints (T-219273, T-219424 and T-219547) regarding multiple issues with the city's lift stations involving sewage overflows and repairs. A Field Interview Form (FIF) (Attachment A) was completed after each site visit, which included the preliminary observations of the inspector.

Facility Description

The City of Bogalusa Wastewater Treatment Plant is fed influent from the city's collection system which consists of 63 lift stations located throughout the City of Bogalusa.

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) Tom Aepelbacher – Environmental Scientist	Office/Division/Telephone OEC/Surveillance/504-736-7734	Date 6/28/2024
Signature of Reviewer	Office/Division/Telephone OEC/Surveillance/504-736-7754	Date 8/6/2024

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Compliance History

Compliance History: A review of incidents/inspections involving the facility's collection system and corresponding lift stations was conducted.

- The facility was last inspected for compliance with their LA0046515 permit by Kristen Latiolais, LDEQ on August 2, 2022. The facility was cited for having 4 sewage overflows in their collection system.
- The facility was issued a Warning Letter WE-L-22-00798 by the Department on November 4, 2022 in reference to the inspection conducted on August 2, 2022.
- The facility was issued a Compliance Order WE-C-22-00325 on February 13, 2023 in reference to inspections conducted on October 14 and August 2, 2022 and a file review conducted on February 13, 2023. The Department received a response to the compliance order from the facility on May 1, 2023.

Records Review

DMR:

- A DMR review for the period of August 2022 to June 2024 revealed a total of 1 sewage overflow (5/17/2023) that was reported via tabular format with the submittal of the facility's DMRs.

Municipal Water Pollution Preventions (MWPP):

- N/E

Mercury Minimization Plan (MMP):

- N/E

Permit:

- Facility was issued a renewal of their LA0046515 permit on July 24, 2023, with an effective date of August 15, 2023.

Flow Measurement:

- N/E

Laboratory:

- N/E

Sludge Handling:

- N/E

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Stormwater:

- N/E

Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO):

- The facility has had 5 SSOs since the last inspection.
 1. May 17, 2023 at Ben Miller Drive and Willis Drive (Reported with DMR; Document ID: 13860017). Volume of release unknown, Duration of discharge was 7 hours.
 2. October 16, 2023 at 1372 W. 10th Street (T-216280). Volume of release unknown, Duration of overflow is unknown.
 3. January 17, 2024 at 1104 S. Columbia Street (T217363). Volume of release unknown, Duration of overflow is unknown.
 4. April 25, 2024 at E. 6th Street (T-218856). Volume of release unknown, Duration of overflow is unknown.
 5. May 10 - 23, 2024. Sewer Main off of Anthony J Fiorenza Drive. This overflow is associated with two complaints, T-219273: Attachment C and T-219424: Attachment D. The main leading to Station #3 is located in the woods off of Fiorenza Drive and had a rupture (Attachment B, photos 1-3). The main was discharging from approximately May 10, 2024 – May 23, 2024. The repair to the ruptured main was finished on May 23, 2024. The release traveled through the woods and discharged into Bogue Lusa Creek. A final volume estimate of the release has not been provided.

Facility did not properly maintain the collection system and had an unauthorized discharge in violation of LAC 33:IX.2701.E and LAC 33:IX.501.D. Specifically, the facility had 5 sewage overflows since the last inspection including a prolonged release that occurred for 13 days and resulted in sewage discharging into Bogue Lusa Creek.

Pretreatment:

- N/E

Incidents:

- T-216280: Sewage was reported on October 16, 2023, to be backing up and overflowing in to a resident's yard near 1372 W. 10th Street, Bogalusa, LA. The issue was due to a collapsed sewer pipe which caused sewage to back up into the resident's yard. The Director of Public Works for City of Bogalusa reported that the pipe was replaced and provided work orders to show proof of repair.
- T-217363: January 17, 2024, a resident reported that sewage was discharging onto residential property and backing up into homes near 1104 S. Columbia Street, Bogalusa, LA. The cause of the discharge was due to a broken pump that had been clogged from various items in the sewage main. The pump was replaced and there was no continued discharge from the manhole.
- T-218856: A resident reported that a sewage overflow was occurring at the end of E. 6th Street, Bogalusa, LA on April 25, 2024. The issue was due to a pump malfunction. The Director of Public Works reported that a new pump had been installed and the surrounding area had been disinfected. (AttachmentE)

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Spill Prevention and Control:

- N/E

Facility Site Tour

Facility Site Review:

- During the site visit on May 22, 2024, the overflow from the sewer main that feeds to lift station #3 (release from May 10-May 23) was ongoing. The Department of Public Works was in the process of obtaining a sufficiently sized pump to install a bypass and halt the release of sewage as well as fixing the hole in the main. I spoke with the Director of Public Works, James Patterson on the phone on May 27, 2024 and he reported that the main had been repaired and that there was no longer a release from the system.
- During the site visit on June 11, 2024, eight lift stations were visited in order to determine compliance with the facility's LA0046515 permit. The chosen lift stations were referenced in a follow-up phone call regarding a citizen complaint (T-219547). No current overflows were observed at any of these lift stations. Maintenance work was being conducted on three of the lift stations (#3, #14 and #62). The lift stations visited were:
 1. Lift Station #3 (Montgomery Street)
 2. Lift Station #14 (Sullivan Drive and Bogalusa Creek)
 3. Lift Station #12 (Founders Drive)
 4. Lift Station # 8 (Pine Ridge and Camellia)
 5. Lift Station #34 (Austin Street)
 6. Lift Station #62 (Amanda Court)
 7. Lift Station #9 (Brookside)
 8. Lift Station #16 (Avenue L)

Operation and Maintenance

- The facility's certified superintendent who managed the operations of the City of Bogalusa Wastewater Treatment Plant resigned from his position on May 8, 2024. As of my site visit on June 25, 2024, the city was in talks with a firm to finalize a contract for a replacement operator. The matter has been referred to the Louisiana Department of Health.
- According to the Bogalusa Public Works Department, lift station #34 (Austin Street) needs to be rebuilt. The lift station currently needs to be pumped out every few days to prevent an overflow. The sewage is transported to the WWTP for treatment.
- Lift stations #3 (Montgomery Street) and #14 (Sullivan Drive and Bogalusa Creek) are awaiting new pumps and currently have temporary pumps on-site.

Self-Monitoring:

- N/E

Other/Sampling:

- LDEQ Sampling was conducted as part of the Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Program on

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June 4, 2024 on Bouge Lusa Creek for site 0063. The lab results will be posted in the Louisiana Environmental Assessment Utility (LEAU) database located on the LDEQ website.

Outfall Observations

Effluent/Receiving Waters:

- N/E

Closure Meeting - At the conclusion of the inspections, a closure meeting was held with Mr. Patterson to discuss the findings of the inspection. A signed copy of the FIF was given to Mr. Patterson at the conclusion of each site visit (Attachment A).

Summary of Observations

This inspection was conducted in order to determine the degree of compliance with applicable state and federal water quality regulations. The following violations were cited:

Facility did not properly maintain the collection system and had an unauthorized discharge in violation of **LAC 33:IX.2701.E and LAC 33:IX.501.D**. Specifically, the facility had 5 sewage overflows since the last inspection including a prolonged release that occurred for 13 days and resulted in sewage discharging into Bogue Lusa Creek.

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List of Attachments

The following attachments are included in this report:

X	Attachment A: Field Interview Forms
X	Attachment B: Photographs
X	Attachment C: Incident T-219273
X	Attachment D: Incident T-219424

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Attachment A
Field Interview Form

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
FIELD INTERVIEW FORM**

AGENCY INTEREST#: 19934 INSPECTION DATE: 5/22/2024 TIME OF ARRIVAL: 11:15am
 ALTERNATE ID#: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: 5/22/2024 TIME OF DEPARTURE: 1:20pm

FACILITY NAME: City of Bogalusa (ID Type/Number) PHONE #: () _____
 LOCATION: B. Zimmer Street and Fiorenza Drive, Bogalusa, LA
 PARISH: Washington

RECEIVING STREAM (BASIN/SUBSEGMENT): _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(Street/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)
 FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE: James Patterson TITLE: Public Works Director
 FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NUMBER: 985-503-2856

NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS and TELEPHONE of RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL (if different from above):
James Patterson - Director of Public Works
985-503-2856
202 Arkansas Street, Bogalusa, LA 70427

INSPECTION TYPE: CI PROGRAM INVOLVED: AIR WASTE WATER OTHER: _____

INSPECTOR'S OBSERVATIONS: (e.g. AREAS AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTED, PROBLEMS, DEFICIENCIES, REMARKS, VERBAL COMMITMENTS FROM FACILITY REPRESENTATIVES)

This was a follow up to a referral from the EPA (LA-219273). An anonymous complainant reported that sewage pumps were not working and dumping into sewage into Bogalusa Creek. Bogalusa Lift Station #3 has a pump failure at the lift station and there is a hole in the main which is located in the woods. I met with the Director of Public Works, James Patterson, who reported that the bypass pump will be put in place by the end of the day (5/22/2024) and the hole in the main will be repaired within the next few days. The new pumps should be in place at the lift station within the next two weeks.

AREAS OF CONCERN:

REGULATION	EXPLANATION	CORRECTED?
_____	_____	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES NO SAMPLES TAKEN: YES NO (Attach Chain-of-Custody)

RECEIVED BY SIGNATURE: James Patterson PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

PRINT NAME: JAMES PATTERSON
 (NOTE: SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE AGREEMENT WITH INSPECTOR'S NOTES)

INSPECTOR(S): Tom Aepelbacher Tom Aepelbacher CROSS REFERENCE: _____
 ATTACHMENTS: _____

REVIEWER: [Signature]

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AGENCY INTEREST#: 199 34 INSPECTION DATE: 6/11/2024 TIME OF ARRIVAL: 12:00 pm
 ALTERNATE ID#: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: 6/11/2024 TIME OF DEPARTURE: 3:55 pm

(ID Type/Number)
 FACILITY NAME: City of Bogalusa PHONE #: () _____
 LOCATION: 202 Arkansas Street, Bogalusa, LA
 PARISH: Washington Parish

RECEIVING STREAM (BASIN/SUBSEGMENT): _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(Street/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)
 FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE: James Patterson TITLE: Public Works Director
 FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NUMBER: 985-503-2856

NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS and TELEPHONE of RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL (if different from above):
James Patterson - Director of Public Works
985-503-2856
202 Arkansas Street, Bogalusa, LA 70427

INSPECTION TYPE: CF PROGRAM INVOLVED: AIR WASTE WATER OTHER: _____

INSPECTOR'S OBSERVATIONS: (e.g. AREAS AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTED, PROBLEMS, DEFICIENCIES, REMARKS, VERBAL COMMITMENTS FROM FACILITY REPRESENTATIVES)

This was a follow-up to multiple incident complaints (I-219 273, 219 547). A tour of multiple lift stations ~~was~~ was conducted. Lift stations # 3 (Montgomery Street), 14 (Sullivan drive and Bogalusa Creek), 12 (Founders Drive), 8 (Pine Ridge and Camellia), 34 (Austin Street), 62 (Amanda Court), 9 (Brookside) and Avenue L (16) were visited. There ~~was~~ no current overflows were observed at these lift stations. Lift station # 3, 14, 62 were currently being worked on for maintenance/repair.

AREAS OF CONCERN:

REGULATION	EXPLANATION	CORRECTED?
_____	_____	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES NO SAMPLES TAKEN: YES NO (Attach Chain-of-Custody)

RECEIVED BY SIGNATURE: James Patterson PWD

PRINT NAME: JAMES PATTERSON
 (NOTE: SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE AGREEMENT WITH INSPECTOR'S NOTES)

INSPECTOR(S): Tom Aepelbacher Tom CROSS REFERENCE: _____

REVIEWER: [Signature] ATTACHMENTS: _____

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AGENCY INTEREST#: 19934 INSPECTION DATE: 6/25/2024 TIME OF ARRIVAL: 10:30am
 ALTERNATE ID#: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: 6/25/2024 TIME OF DEPARTURE: 12:50pm

FACILITY NAME: City of Bogalusa WWTP (ID Type/Number) PHONE #: () _____
 LOCATION: 202 Arkansas Ave, Bogalusa, LA 70427

PARISH: Washington Parish
 RECEIVING STREAM (BASIN/SUBSEGMENT): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 (Street/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE: James Patterson TITLE: Public Works Director
 FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NUMBER: 985-503-2856

NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS and TELEPHONE of RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL (if different from above):
James Patterson
985-503-2856
202 Arkansas Ave, Bogalusa, LA 70427

INSPECTION TYPE: CI PROGRAM INVOLVED: AIR WASTE WATER OTHER: _____

INSPECTOR'S OBSERVATIONS: (e.g. AREAS AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTED, PROBLEMS, DEFICIENCIES, REMARKS, VERBAL COMMITMENTS FROM FACILITY REPRESENTATIVES)
This was a follow-up to citizen complaints relating to possible breaks in sewer mains near lift stations #3, 14 and 16. No current sewage releases were ^{observed} located. Public Works Department is having high vegetation cut near #3 to rule out any breaks in the sewer main. ~~Acop A Co~~ Public works also plans on clearing out nearby stormwater ditch.
 TA 6/25/24

AREAS OF CONCERN:

REGULATION	EXPLANATION	CORRECTED?
_____	_____	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES NO SAMPLES TAKEN: YES NO (Attach Chain-of-Custody)

RECEIVED BY SIGNATURE: James Patterson

PRINT NAME: JAMES PATTERSON
 (NOTE: SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE AGREEMENT WITH INSPECTOR'S NOTES)

INSPECTOR(S): Tom Appelbacher Tom CROSS REFERENCE: _____

REVIEWER: [Signature] ATTACHMENTS: _____

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Attachment B
Photographs

Facility Name:	City of Bogalusa WWTP	AI#:	19934
Location:	214 Arkansas Street, Bogalusa, LA	Parish:	Washington Parish
Date:	5/22/2024	Reason:	Inspection
		Photographer:	Tom Aepelbacher



Photo #: 1 of 5 Time: 12:31 PM

Description: Sewage overflow occurring at manhole in woods off of Anthony J Fiorenza Dr.

Facility Name:	City of Bogalusa WWTP	AI#:	19934
Location:	214 Arkansas Street, Bogalusa, LA	Parish:	Washington Parish
Date:	5/22/2024	Reason:	Inspection
		Photographer:	Tom Aepelbacher



Photo #: 2 of 5 Time: 12:31 PM

Description: Sewage flowing into the woods towards Bouge Lusa Creek.

Facility Name:	City of Bogalusa WWTP	AI#:	19934
Location:	214 Arkansas Street, Bogalusa, LA	Parish:	Washington Parish
Date:	6/11/2024	Reason:	Inspection
		Photographer:	Tom Aepelbacher



Photo #: 3 of 5 Time: 12:05 PM

Description: Dried sewage remnants on ground near sewage overflow located in woods off of Anthony J Fiorenza Dr

Facility Name:	City of Bogalusa WWTP	AI#:	19934
Location:	214 Arkansas Street, Bogalusa, LA	Parish:	Washington Parish
Date:	6/11/2024	Reason:	Inspection
		Photographer:	Tom Aepelbacher



Photo #: 4 of 5 Time: 12:05 PM

Description: Repair to manhole/main near Anthony J Fiorenza Dr.

Facility Name:	City of Bogalusa WWTP	AI#:	19934
Location:	214 Arkansas Street, Bogalusa, LA	Parish:	Washington Parish
Date:	6/18/2024	Reason:	Inspection
		Photographer:	Tom Apfelbacher



Photo #: 5 of 5 Time: 2:18 PM

Description: Repair finished at manhole located off of Anthony J Fiorenza Dr.

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Attachment C

T-219273

INCIDENT REPORT

Incident:219273

Incident Description

Incident Type: Complaint, Sewage
Incident Date: 05/18/2024 18:48:00
Parish: Washington
Municipality: Bogalusa
Location: Pearl River, Bogue Lusa Creek - Bogalusa, LA

Lat/Lon: /
Basin/Segment: 90401
Substance(s): Sewage

Media Impacted: Water/Soil
Incident Desc: Cmplaint The sewage pumps aren't working and dumping sewage in the creek and river. LB

Incident Status

Lead Investigator: Thomas Aepelbacher TA
Incident Region: Southeast
Incident Status: Referred to Enforcement
Followup Status: Referred to Enforcement
As Of: 06/17/2024 16:18:28

Incident Reporter 1

Received By: Spo Contact
Received Date: 05/21/2024 10:05:00
Dispatch Number(s): 305410
Reported By:
Phone:
Reporter Title:
Organization:
Address:

Municipality:
State:
Zip Code:
Comments:

INCIDENT REPORT

Incident:219273

Incident Source 1**Source Name:** Bogalusa City of - WWTP**Address:** 214 Arkansas St**Municipality:** Bogalusa**State:** LA**Phone:** 9857326228(Work phone number)**Parish:****AI #:** 19934**Related Permits:**

Comments: On May 18, 2024, an anonymous complaint was filed with the EPA in regards to malfunctioning sewage pumps and sewage being dumped into the nearby creek and river. I spoke with the Director of Public Works for the City of Bogalusa, James Patterson, and confirmed that there was a sewage release from a sewer main in the woods near lift station #3. For further information, see the inspection report: AI# 19934; INS20240001. The facility has been referred to the Enforcement Division for an unauthorized discharge. TA

Thomas Aepelbacher

From: Holly Herrmann
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Thomas Aepelbacher
Cc: Dionne Magness; Holly Herrmann; James Dardar; Jeffrey Parham
Subject: FW: [Incident#24232217] SERO Complaint T 219273 Sewage Washington 305410

Tom, assigned to you.

Holly Herrmann
LA DEQ - Southeast Regional Office
Office: 504-736-7749
holly.herrmann@la.gov

From: SPOC <spoc.otrs@la.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 1:11 PM
To: _DEQ-SEROAdmin <_DEQ-SEROAdmin@LA.GOV>
Cc: Cindy LaFosse <Cindy.LaFosse@LA.GOV>; Gregory Langley <Gregory.Langley@LA.GOV>
Subject: [Incident#24232217] SERO Complaint T 219273 Sewage Washington 305410

SERO Complaint T 219273 Sewage Washington 305410

<http://advantagem.swe.la.gov/Pages/Incidents/IncidentListPage.aspx?IncidentID=219273>

SPOC
Louis Berner

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Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Single Point Of Contact
Phone: (225) 219-3640
Fax: (225) 219-4044

--- Forwarded message from Agwuna.Destinee@epa.gov ---

From: Agwuna.Destinee@epa.gov
To: spoc@la.gov
Subject: FWD: (CWA - FY24-305410-3709-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Louisiana
Date: 2024-05-21 10:06:05

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Please do not click on links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

05/21/2024

SUBJECT: FWD: (CWA - FY24-305410-3709-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Louisiana
FROM: Agwuna.Destinee@epa.gov
TO: spoc@la.gov
CC:

Hello, Can you please review this web inquiry and determine if it requires further investigation? Thank you,
Destinee Agwuna Water Enforcement Liaison U.S. EPA Region 6

-----Original Message-----

5/18/2024 6:48 PM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY24-305410-3709-CV

SUBJECT: Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Louisiana

FROM:

TO:

Alleged Violator's Name: Tyrin Troung. Mayor of Bogalusa LA

Alleged Violator's Address: Pearl River, Bogue Lusa Creek

Alleged Violator's City: Bogalusa

Alleged Violator's State: Louisiana

Alleged Violator's Zip: 70427

Tip or Complaint: The sewage pumps aren't working and dumping sewage in the creek and river. I believe yall came and talked to the mayor. He lied to yall. The workers won't talk due to the fact he will fire them. Y'all need to investigate and not talk to the mayor.

Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No

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LPDES COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT CHECKLIST		
AGENCY INTEREST NO. 19934	PERMT NO. LA0046515	INSPECTION DATE: 5/22/2024

Attachment D

T-219424

INCIDENT REPORT

Incident:219424

Incident Description

Incident Type: Complaint, Sewage
Incident Date: 05/29/2024 14:24:00
Parish: Washington
Municipality: Bogalusa
Location: Columbia St. Lift station - Bogalusa, LA

Lat/Lon: /
Basin/Segment: 90401
Substance(s): Sewage

Media Impacted: Water/Soil
Incident Desc: Complaint Release of sewage to local water bodies. Instead of repairing the release, local authorities are posting "no swimming" and "no fishing" signage throughout the area. LB

Incident Status

Lead Investigator: Thomas Aepelbacher TA
Incident Region: Southeast
Incident Status: Referred to Enforcement
Followup Status: Referred to Enforcement
As Of: 06/17/2024 16:28:57

Incident Reporter 1

Received By: Charles Lato
Received Date: 05/29/2024 14:24:00
Dispatch Number(s): C9149
Reported By: Ardie Cesario
Phone: 318-573-6311 (Home phone number)
Reporter Title:
Organization:
Address:

Municipality:
State: LA
Zip Code:
Comments:

INCIDENT REPORT

Incident:219424

Incident Source 1**Source Name:** Bogalusa City of - WWTP**Address:** 214 Arkansas St**Municipality:** Bogalusa**State:** LA**Phone:** 9857326228(Work phone number)**Parish:****AI #:** 19934**Related Permits:**

Comments: On May 29, 2024, Mr. Ardie Cesario reported a sewage release at Lift Station #3 in the City of Bogalusa. Mr. Cesario reported that the release of sewage was reaching local water bodies. This complaint was in reference to the same sewage release which was covered under T-219273. For further information, see the inspection report: AI # 19934; INS20240001. I contacted Mr. Cesario via phone to update him on the incident status. The facility has been referred to the Enforcement Division for an unauthorized discharge. TA

Thomas Aepelbacher

From: James Dardar
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 2:03 PM
To: Thomas Aepelbacher; Jeffrey Parham; Dionne Magness; Holly Herrmann
Subject: FW: [Incident#24232567] SERO Complaint T 219424 Sewage Washington C9149

Hi Tom,
This incident has been assigned to you.

James Dardar(504) 736-7724

From: SPOC <spoc.otrs@la.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 12:12 PM
To: _DEQ-SEROAdmin <_DEQ-SEROAdmin@LA.GOV>
Cc: Cindy LaFosse <Cindy.LaFosse@LA.GOV>; Gregory Langley <Gregory.Langley@LA.GOV>
Subject: [Incident#24232567] SERO Complaint T 219424 Sewage Washington C9149

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<http://advantagerm.swe.la.gov/Pages/Incidents/IncidentListPage.aspx?IncidentID=219424>

SPOC
Louis Berner

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Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Single Point Of Contact
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---- Forwarded message from deq_no_reply@la.gov ----

From: deq_no_reply@la.gov
To: spoc@la.gov
Subject: Intranet Citizen Complaint: Confirmation: C9149 - 5/30/2024 11:26:02 AM
Date: 2024-05-30 11:27:05

Internal Receiver Information	
* Date and Time Received:	05/29/24 14:24:00
* Received By (DEQ staff):	Charles
Email (Email must be provided to receive confirmation email):	
Anonymous Complaint:	No
Caller Information	
* First Name:	Ardie
* Last Name:	Cesario
* Phone Number:	318-573-6311
Mailing Address:	
City:	
State:	
Email:	
Zip:	
I request a follow-up on inspector findings:	Yes
Site Information	
Alleged Violator:	
* Physical Location/Address:	Columbia St. Lift Station

* City:	Bogalusa
* State:	Louisiana
Zip:	
Date of Discharge:	05/29/24
Noticed Time Began:	14:24:00
Noticed Time Ended:	
* Parish of Occurrence:	Washington Parish
Media Affected:	soil/water
If water, name the nearest water body:	
* Description of complaint:	Release of sewage to local water bodies. Instead of repairing the release, local authorities are posting "no swimming" and "no fishing" signage throughout the area.
Directions for reaching the site:	

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