



PRESS RELEASE
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Record-breaking September Rains Continue to Impact Sewers

SAWS crews continue to battle spills

SAN ANTONIO –This weekend’s additions to the September rainfall continued to impact the city’s sewer system. The most recent spills occurred on the 1800 block of Austin Highway near Ira Lee Road, and in the vicinity of Starcrest and Wurzbach Parkway. SAWS crews will initiate cleanup of the area once floodwaters recede.

The spilled amounts exceeded the requirement for public notice. See TCEQ notice for more details. No adverse impacts are expected since the spill has been heavily diluted by stormwater.

Areas prone to sewer overflows are the focus of projects replacing and upgrading capacity of sewer lines. Overall, SAWS has more than \$170 million in capital improvements budgeted in 2018 to replace and upgrade sewer lines throughout San Antonio.

For an interactive map and details on sewer project construction, visit www.saws.org/sewer.

San Antonio Water System provides water and sewer services to more than 1.8 million customers, via more than 12,000 miles of pipe. A consent decree with the EPA requires San Antonio to reduce sewer spills. Please help us improve the sewer system performance by disposing of wipes in the trash, and by immediately reporting sewer spills or missing manhole covers at 210-704-SAWS (7297).

TCEQ Notice attached.

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NOTICE OF SPILL FROM A WASTEWATER FACILITY

A spill from a wastewater treatment or collection facility has occurred.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPILL

Facility Name: Salado Creek Water Recycling Center – 10137-008

Contact for further information: Anne Hayden – 210-233-3622

Location of the spill: 48-inch Sewer Main at 1800 Austin Highway near Ira Lee/Holbrook

Estimated time and date of spill: 2:20 AM on Monday, 09/10/2018

Estimated volume of the spill (number of gallons): Spill estimated > 100,000 gallons

Type of spill: (domestic) (industrial) (other) Explain other: Domestic wastewater

Area potentially affected: Salado Creek

Suspected cause of spill: Infiltration from rain event

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/completed.

Other: _____

PERSONS MAY WISH TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS

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Location of the spill: 36-inch Sewer Main at Wurzbach Parkway and NE Entrance Road (11400 Starcrest)

Estimated time and date of spill: 6:00 PM on Sunday, 09/09/2018

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