



PRESS RELEASE
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Clean-up Underway at Sewer Spill on Holbrook Road

Site clean-up is underway

SAN ANTONIO – San Antonio Water System is responding to a sewer spill on the 700 block of Holbrook Road near Salado Creek. The volume of the spill has exceeded the requirement for public notice at this location. Crews have begun cleanup of the area. See TCEQ notice for more details. No adverse effects are expected, but SAWS will continue to monitor the area.

Areas prone to sewer overflows are the focus of projects replacing and upgrading capacity of sewer lines. SAWS presently has two active projects along Holbrook to address these sewer spills with a total construction cost of approximately \$65 million.

SAWS' contractor for Phase One of the projects where this spill occurred, Southland/Renda Joint Venture, is approximately 90 percent complete, and expects all sewer tie-ins to be complete by November 1, 2019. Phase Two is approximately 70 percent complete.

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 through a system of more than 12,000 miles of pipe. An EPA consent decree agreement requires San Antonio to upgrade its sewer pipes and assets to prevent sewer spills. Under the consent decree, SAWS will invest an estimated \$855 million more than what the utility would have spent in the course of 10 to 12 years to reduce sewer spills and maintain its sewer system infrastructure. Help us improve the sewer system performance by disposing of wipes and grease/fats 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 700 Block of Holbrook Rd

Estimated time and date of spill: 1:10 AM on 10/21/2019

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: Construction issues

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

- 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
- Don't swim in affected area streams, ponds or lakes.
- Always wash hands thoroughly before preparing or eating food.
- Always wash hands thoroughly after any contact with animals, soil or diapers.
- Private well owners may wish to treat their well water, have their well water tested and inspect their wells for proper siting, construction and maintenance.