



PRESS RELEASE
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Flooding Triggers Sewer Spill on Swiss Oaks Drive

Cleanup will start after floodwaters recede

SAN ANTONIO – San Antonio Water System crews are responding to a sewer spill that occurred on the 6600 block of Swiss Oaks Drive. The spill is a result of recent rains inundating sewer lines in the area. (See attached TCEQ notice for more details.) No adverse impacts are expected since the spill has been heavily diluted by stormwater.

The SAWS W-6 Upper Segment and W-1 Lower Segment sewer projects, which include this area, are under construction for \$167.7, and \$19.0 million, respectively. W-6 will replace existing 54-inch sewer mains with approximately five miles of 104-inch sewer pipe. The W-1 project will replace 42- and 54-inch sewer main with approximately two and a half miles of 72- and 78-inch main. This will replace aging infrastructure that conveys more than 90 percent of the sewer shed's total flow to the treatment plant.

This project is part of the work required by San Antonio's agreement with the U.S. EPA to address capacity constrained sewer infrastructure across the city.

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: Leon Creek Water Recycling Center – 10137-003

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

Location of the spill: 66-inch Sewer Main near Pinn Road and Leon Creek (6606 Swiss Oaks)

Estimated time and date of spill: 11:20 AM on 07/06/2021

Estimated volume of the spill (number of gallons): Spill estimated > 50,000 gallons

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

Area potentially affected: Leon 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

- 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.