



PRESS RELEASE
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Grease and Debris Trigger Sewer Spill on Old Pearsall Road

Crews working on cleanup

SAN ANTONIO – San Antonio Water System crews are cleaning up a sewer spill that occurred at 7265 Old Pearsall Road. The spill is a result of grease and debris clogging sewer lines in the area. (See attached TCEQ notice for more details.) The spill was contained in a dry pond. No adverse effects are expected.

Grease, wipes, and debris are a major cause of sewer spills in San Antonio as well as across the country. SAWS recently launch an ad campaign to remind people that what they put down the drain or toilet clogs up lines. More on SAWS *Pipes Don't Lie* campaign is here: www.saws.org/Pipes

Under San Antonio's EPA consent decree, SAWS will invest \$1.2 billion in improvements to the city's sewage infrastructure over the course of 12 years.

San Antonio Water System provides water and sewer services to more than 2 million customers in the San Antonio region through a system of more than 13,000 miles of pipe. Help us improve 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: Steven M. Clouse Water Recycling Center – 10137-033

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

Location of the spill: 8-inch Sewer Main at 7265 Old Pearsall Rd

Estimated time and date of spill: September 29, 2022 at approximately 14:30 pm

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: Natural Dry Pond

Suspected cause of spill: Debris and grease

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.
- 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.