



COBB COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

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Press Release

Information on Wastewater Overflow

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Pursuant to the rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6-05, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division now requires all publicly owned wastewater treatment works that discharge to the waters of the State to provide information on sewer overflows to local media contacts as part of ongoing, comprehensive public education and awareness efforts.

A wastewater overflow occurred on: September 27, 2024
Location of overflow: 490 Lee Industrial Blvd. Austell, GA 30168 (South Cobb WRF)
This overflow resulted from: INFLOW AND INFILTRATION
Resulting in a wastewater discharge into: CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER
The volume of the overflow was estimated at: 5.94 Million Gallons
The Water System was notified at: September 27, 2024, 12:15 PM
The overflow was stopped at: September 27, 2024, 9:47 PM

Corrective action taken to reduce effects of the overflow include the following:

Operations staff could not stop the overflow due to the extremely high flows resulting from heavy rains that occurred with Hurricane Helene. High flow conditions subsided at 9:47 pm. EPD was notified immediately.

Field Observation:

High flows into South Cobb Water Reclamation Facility exceeded the hydraulic capacity of the channels that carry wastewater through the facility. During the bypass overflow conditions, which lasted approximately 9.5 hours, 45.52 million gallons flowed into the facility. Approximately 5.94 million gallons overflowed the channels, traveled across the grounds of the facility, and entered a stormwater outfall leading to the Chattahoochee River. The remaining 39.58 million gallons remained in the channels, was treated normally, and was discharged in accordance with the facility's permit issued by EPD. No effects were observed in the river as a result of this overflow.

For more information on this notification, contact our Water Protection Division, Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 770-419-6341.

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