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STRUCTURAL FAILURE, SATURATED SOIL CAUSE SANITARY SEWER OUTFLOW AT TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

(ARLINGTON, TEXAS) – The Trinity River Authority Central Regional Wastewater System plant experienced an outflow in its collection system on Thursday, March 26, at 2:15 p.m. The outflow occurred at 2003 Interstate Highway 30 Frontage Road in Grand Prairie. The outflow was caused when rain-saturated soil caused a break in a 102” interceptor line. The outflow will not affect service to any of the plant’s customers. Repairs are in progress.

All wastewater outflows in excess of 100,000 gallons must be reported to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the public and other designated public officials. The final estimated quantity of the outflow will be reported to TCEQ.

The outflow is diluted, and no public drinking water supplies have been threatened or contaminated by this outflow; no aquatic life has been affected. The public is reminded to avoid contact with any waste material, soil or water near the affected area.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Chapter 319 – General Regulations Incorporated Into Permits
Rule Log No. 99031-319-WT

Figure: 30 TAC §319.303

NOTICE OF SPILL FROM A WASTEWATER FACILITY
A spill from a wastewater treatment or collection facility has occurred.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPILL
Facility Name: Trinity River Authority’s Central Regional Wastewater System

Contact for further information: Vanassa Joseph (817) 493-5122

Location of the spill: 2003 Interstate Highway 30 Frontage Road, Grand Prairie.

Estimated time and date of spill: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 2:15 p.m.

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

Type of spill: Domestic wastewater.

Explain other:

Area potentially affected: West Fork of the Trinity River

Suspected cause of spill: Structural interceptor line failure, caused by rain-saturated soil

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 in progress.