



City of Amesbury

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW NOTICE (January 26, 2023, 3:58 PM)

To: List of Required Public Notification Recipients

Please be advised that a discharge of untreated sanitary sewage occurred at a sewer manhole in the vicinity of the following address: **77 Macy Street**. The discharge, also referred to as a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO), was first discovered at 7:30 am on 1/26/23 and is still overflowing 4:00 on 1/26/23 lasting approximately 8 hours. At the time of this notice, the total volume of the overflow is estimated to be 24900 gallons based on visual observation.

Following our initial inspection, the cause of the SSO appears to be the result of wet weather and/or high groundwater conditions, and insufficient capacity in system. Further, it appears that the SSO discharged to catch basin to receiving water (Powwow River). As a result, the following precautionary measures should be taken by the public:

- Avoid contact with these water bodies for 48 hours after the discharge or overflow ceases due to increased health risks from bacteria and other pollutants. See website (<http://amesburyma.gov/285/Wastewater-Treatment-Facility>) for more information on whether specific resource areas, such as bathing beaches are affected.
- Pay close attention to any signage, drums, barricades, and other devices restricting access to the area impacted by the SSO discharge until remediation of the site is complete.
- Await further updates every eight hours if the SSO discharge is still ongoing after this initial notice has been issued. In this case, a final notice will also be issued within two hours after the discharge ends or is projected to end.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please call the Amesbury WWTP at (978) 388-1912.

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