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Domestic Wastewater Spill at FM 967 Collection Facility

BUDA, TX – April 19, 2016 - At approximately 1:00 a.m. on April 19, 2016, a domestic wastewater spill occurred at our FM 967 Lift Station, which is currently under construction. The exact location of the spill is FM 967, north of Hayley's Way (Armbruster's Curve). An estimated 195,400 gallons (a portion of which may have been infiltration and inflow from our recent rain event) spilled into Garlic Creek, east of FM 967.

Impact: No impact to the City of Buda public water supply system.

At this point, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has detected no adverse effects due to this incident; no solids released and no fish kill observed.

The following precautionary statements are required by the TCEQ:

- Person's using private drinking water supply wells located within ½ mile of the spill site or within the potentially affected area should 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. Individuals with private water wells should have their well water tested and disinfected, if necessary, prior to discontinuing distillation or boiling.
- Persons who purchase water from a public water supply may contact their water supply distributor to determine if the water is safe for personal use.
- The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil or water in the area potentially affected by the spill.
- If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil, or water potentially affected by the spill, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.

The City Manager, Director of Public Works, and the appropriate local government officials have been notified. The TCEQ was notified and conducted an investigation at the site.

The suspected cause of the spill was due to work conducted by a contractor installing new equipment when a bypass pump malfunctioned. A Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) line was also accidentally cut by the contractor and there was no alarm notification. The bypass pump has been restored to operation and the SCADA communication line has been repaired and tested. The contractor performing the work will hire qualified personnel to obtain water quality samples of Garlic Creek.

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