

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Public Notification Form for Wastewater Discharges

Information about the Discharge

An unauthorized discharge or spill of wastewater has occurred from:

Wastewater Treatment Facility: WQ 0010250-001

Facility Name: Sparks Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant – City of Pittsburg

Person to contact for information: Tim Reynolds – City of Pittsburg, City Hall

Location of spill(s): *Discharge of effluent into Spark Branch at 1246 FM 557*

Estimated date and time of spill(s): Identified on December 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Estimated volume of spill(s)(number of gallons): Approximately 100,000 gallons

Type of Spill (domestic, industrial, other): Domestic Wastewater

Description of the area potentially affected, including down gradient and lateral distance from spill(s) site: 250 yards down gradient from Sparks Branch Wastewater Plant affluent at 1246 FM 557

Suspected cause of spill(s): Immediate and backup power failure

Containment of spill: Not Applicable

Increased monitoring of water supply systems: Not Applicable

Initiation or completion of cleanup activities: Power restored by AEP SWEPCO at 9:00 a.m. Wastewater treatment plant full operation by 11:45 a.m. Testing of Ph and Dissolved Oxygen Testing down gradient of Wastewater Plant Affluent

1. Persons 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.
2. 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.
3. The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill.
4. 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.