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MAJOR SPILL REPORT TO EPD

EPD Watershed Protection Branch

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

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Atlanta, GA 30334

DATE OF MAJOR SPILL: Friday, September 27, 2024, 12:03 pm – 3:44 pm

REPORT SUBMITTED: Monday, September 30, 2024

LOCATION OF MAJOR SPILL: [150 Willie Smokie Glover Drive](#) - MH ID: 57743
(Please note that the address used is a reference for the location of the manhole.)

CAUSE OF MAJOR SPILL: The causes of this major spill were hydraulic overload due to heavy rains in the MWA service area and a power failure at The Lower Poplar Water Reclamation Facility. As a result, sewer mains that feed the plant surcharged and caused this manhole to overflow. According to the National Weather Service, from September 25th to September 27th, Macon-Bibb received approximately 7.55 inches of rain.

ESTIMATED VOLUME DISCHARGED: 45,725 gallons
(Please note that this quantity is only a calculated **estimation** of the volume of sewage that spilled from our system. More sewage may have escaped the system.)

RECEIVING WATERS: Ocmulgee River

SERVICE BASIN AFFECTED: Bay Street

WRF SERVICE AREA NPDES PERMIT: GA0024538

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO MITIGATE OR TO REDUCE ADVERSE EFFECTS: Debris has been removed from the area. The affected area has also been sprayed with an enzyme treatment for organic waste called Bio-Bug.

SPILL STATUS: Sewage is no longer escaping.

SIGNS POSTED: Friday, September 27, 2024

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT FUTURE SPILL: The power failure issue was resolved, and service was restored to the plant.

MONITORING INITIATED: Monday, September 30, 2024

MEDIA / HEALTH DEPARTMENT / OTHERS NOTIFIED: Macon Telegraph, WMAZ (TV), WMGT (Radio), WGXA, Macon-Bibb County Health Department, State of Georgia Health Department

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Bryan Jones