

Notice of Wastewater Discharge (8/29/19)

Hamilton, Texas (August 29, 2019) – Due large amounts of F.O.G. (Fats, Oils, & Grease) causing a blockage, an unauthorized discharge of wastewater has occurred from the City of Hamilton Wastewater Collection System.

The discharges, totaling approximately 200,000 gallons of domestic wastewater, occurred at a manhole near Pecan Creek close to the City of Hamilton Wastewater Treatment plant. The Blockage was caused by Large amounts of F.O.G. (Fats, Oils, & Grease).

Facility Name: City of Hamilton Wastewater Collection System

Contact for further information: Jeffrey Donahoo, (254)386-8116

Location of the spill: a manhole near Pecan Creek close to the City of Hamilton Wastewater Treatment plant.

Estimated time and date of spill: Estimated start of spill: 8-27-2019 End time of spill 8-29-2019 @ 12:15 P.M.

Estimated volume of the spill (number of gallons): 200,000

Type of spill (domestic) (industrial) (other) Explain other: domestic wastewater

Area potentially affected: Pecan creek downstream of the above mentioned manhole.

Suspected cause of spill: Fats, Oils, & Grease

List of actions taken include, but are not limited to:

- Notification of appropriate local government officials
- Notification of TCEQ Regional Office
- Initiation of cleanup activities
- Increased monitoring of water supply systems

THIS IS NOT A BOIL WATER NOTICE. Below, are several mandatory health safety statements required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. However, as wastewater lines are completely separate from drinking water lines, the City of Hamilton has no reason to believe drinking water, distributed by the City of Hamilton, has been compromised or affected in any way.

PERSONS MAY WISH TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS:

- 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.
- 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.