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Press Release

Information on Sewer Overflow

(Cobb County, GA - July 9, 2001) Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6-.05, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division now requires all publicly owned wastewater treatment works that discharge to the waters of the State to provide information on sewer overflows to local media contacts as a part of ongoing, comprehensive public education and awareness efforts.

A wastewater manhole overflow occurred at (location), (date). This overflow originated from (source) resulting in a wastewater discharge into (receiving waterway). The Water System was notified at (time), (date), and the overflow was stopped at (time). Corrective action taken to reduce the adverse effects of the overflow include (course of action). The volume of the overflow was estimated at (volume of discharge) gallons.

Water System Director, Bob Brice, confirmed the local commitment to reducing the number of overflows experienced in Cobb County. "Cobb County Water System is dedicated to providing our citizens with the highest degree of environmental protection, and this reporting is a prime example of our commitment to full disclosure of our operational effectiveness."

While occasional overflows are inevitable in any collection system, more than 80% of sewer overflows experienced in our collection system stem from oil and grease deposits originating from restaurants and private residences. Mr. Brice also stated, "We are encouraged that, with the right education and awareness, our citizens can have an appreciable effect on the number of overflows Cobb County Water System experiences on a long term basis."

For more information on this notification or the local Cobb County Water, System Maintenance Program, contact our System Maintenance Division, Monday - Friday, 8am to 5pm at 770/419-6251.

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