



# WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW WRITTEN REPORT

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EST DATE AND TIME SSO BEGAN: 03/26/2021 10:51AM DURATION: 11.60 HRS  
DATE AND TIME SSO ENDED: 03/26/2021 10:27PM

SOURCE-OVERFLOWING MH MH15012018 WATER BODY AFFECTED-SENECA CREEK

CLOSEST STREET ADDRESS: 620 PERRY PKW 20877  
COUNTY/PAGE/GRID: M 5047 G07 TOWN/CITY: GAITHERSBURG

CAUSE: DEFECTIVE MATERIAL EST OVERFLOW VOLUME: 6,960 GAL  
UPON ARRIVAL, THE CREW FOUND MANHOLE 018M OVERFLOWING APPROXIMATELY  
10 GALLONS PER MINUTE, ENTERING A NEARBY STREAM IN THE SENECA CREEK  
BASIN. THE CREW JETTED FROM MANHOLE 017M, A TOTAL OF 98 FEET, AND  
WERE UNABLE TO RELIEVE THE MAINLINE. A CCTV INSPECTION REVEALED THE  
PIPE WAS COLLAPSED. A WSSC WATER CONTRACTOR SET UP OVERPUMPING, ENDING  
THE OVERFLOW.

IMPACTS UPON PUBLIC HEALTH AND STATE WATERS:

PUBLIC ACCESS VISIBLE SOLIDS, STREAM BANK  
VISIBLE SOLIDS, IN STREAM DRY WEATHER

STEPS TAKEN OR PLANNED TO REDUCE, ELIMINATE AND PREVENT RECURRENCE:

A WSSC WATER CONTRACTOR WILL REPAIR THE COLLAPSED PIPE. OVERPUMPING  
WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL REPAIRS ARE COMPLETE. A CCTV INSPECTION  
WILL BE PERFORMED AFTER REPAIRS ARE COMPLETE.  
THE PROBLEM WITH THIS SEWER LINE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO LINE BLOCKAGE  
ANALYSIS (LBA) FOR REVIEW. A FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED  
TO DETERMINE WHAT MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE  
THE CHANCE OF THIS LINE OVERFLOWING AGAIN.

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06/25/2021 UPDATE - A WSSC WATER CONTRACTOR COMPLETED REPAIR AND  
RELINING OF THE COLLAPSED PIPE ON 06/16/2021. OVERPUMPING HAS BEEN  
REMOVED. A CCTV INSPECTION HAS BEEN PERFORMED.

MEASURES INITIATED/TAKEN TO MINIMIZE IMPACT:

LIME RAKED AREA  
VISIBLE SOLIDS REMOVED

NOTIFICATIONS MADE:

MD DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT DEP-MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
MONTGOMERY CO MUNICIPALITIES

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