



# WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW WRITTEN REPORT

3096042-071-2021

MDE OFFICIAL CONTACTED: LEFT MESSAGE

DATA CALLED IN BY: BRIAN PERSING DATE: 10/07/2021 AT 02:31PM

WORK ORDER(S): 3096042

EST DATE AND TIME SSO BEGAN: 10/07/2021 10:11AM DURATION: 0.13 HRS  
DATE AND TIME SSO ENDED: 10/07/2021 10:19AM

SOURCE-FACILITY 00253055800 WATER BODY AFFECTED-PISCATAWAY CREEK

CLOSEST STREET ADDRESS: 11 W FARMINGTON RD 20607  
COUNTY/PAGE/GRID: P 5997 A01 TOWN/CITY: ACCOKEEK

CAUSE: INSTRUMENTATION/MECHANICAL FAILURE EST OVERFLOW VOLUME: 1,000 GAL  
DURING PUMP AROUND OPERATION ON FACILITY GROUNDS AT THE PISCATAWAY  
WRRF, THE LEAD PUMP WAS FOUND IN STANDBY WITH LAG PUMP RUNNING.  
SECOND LAG PUMP DID NOT TURN ON, CAUSING A BACKUP IN THE ON-SITE  
SEWER SYSTEM, AND AN OVERFLOW FROM AN ON-SITE MANHOLE. PLANT STAFF  
TURNED ON A 2ND PORTABLE PUMP TO ALLEVIATE THE BACKUP ENDING THE EVENT.

IMPACTS UPON PUBLIC HEALTH AND STATE WATERS:  
DRY WEATHER

LIME APPLIED ON IMPACTED GROUND AREAS.

STEPS TAKEN OR PLANNED TO REDUCE, ELIMINATE AND PREVENT RECURRENCE:  
THE EVENT OCCURRED FROM AN ON-SITE MANHOLE ON FACILITY GROUNDS, AND  
IS THEREFORE NOT CCTVABLE. THE EVENT WAS CAUSED BY A FAILURE OF  
BYPASS PUMPING.

MEASURES INITIATED/TAKEN TO MINIMIZE IMPACT:  
LIME

NOTIFICATIONS MADE:  
MD DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PG COUNTY HEALTH DEPT  
PG COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

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