



WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW WRITTEN REPORT

3486031-118-2025

MDE OFFICIAL CONTACTED: CHRISTI WAGNER

DATA CALLED IN BY: 4581

DATE: 07/21/2025 AT 01:20PM

WORK ORDER(S): 3486031 3486013

EST DATE AND TIME SSO BEGAN: 07/21/2025 12:16PM DURATION: 3.15 HRS
DATE AND TIME SSO ENDED: 07/21/2025 03:25PM

SOURCE-OVERFLOWING MH MH14160113 WATER BODY AFFECTED-WESTERN BRANCH

CLOSEST STREET ADDRESS: 12313 BEECHFIELD DR 20720
COUNTY/PAGE/GRID: P 5532 C01 TOWN/CITY: BOWIE

CAUSE: TAMPERING EST OVERFLOW VOLUME: 945 GAL
UPON ARRIVAL, THE CREW FOUND MANHOLE 113M OVERFLOWING AT 5 GPM INTO A
NEARBY TRIBUTARY THAT OUTFALLS INTO WESTERN BRANCH. THE CREW JETTED
FROM MANHOLE 112M TO 113M, A TOTAL OF 38', AND HIT AND RELIEVED SHOP
RAGS AND FIBER OPTIC LEAD CABLE AT 2', TO END THE EVENT. THIS
EVENT WAS CAUSED BY TAMPERING FROM THE CONSTRUCTION CREW AT THE SITE.

IMPACTS UPON PUBLIC HEALTH AND STATE WATERS:
DRY WEATHER DISCOLORATION
PUBLIC ACCESS

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

MEASURES INITIATED/TAKEN TO MINIMIZE IMPACT:

LIME COULD NOT BE APPLIED DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF TALL, OVERGROWN GRASS
AROUND THE AFFECTED AREA.

NOTIFICATIONS MADE:
MD DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PG COUNTY HEALTH DEPT
PG COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES NO STIPULATED PENALTY

DUE TO EVIDENCE OF TAMPERING, WSSC WATER POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS
NOTIFIED ON 7/22/2025, TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER. THE INCIDENT WAS
DOCUMENTED UNDER REPORT NUMBER 2025-07-00095.

SIGNS POSTED: 3 POST DATE: 07/21/2025