



# WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW WRITTEN REPORT

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EST DATE AND TIME SSO BEGAN: 03/20/2026 08:00AM DURATION: 5.00 HRS  
DATE AND TIME SSO ENDED: 03/20/2026 01:30PM

SOURCE-REPAIR SEWER MAIN SS15025420 WATER BODY AFFECTED-SENECA CREEK

CLOSEST STREET ADDRESS: 19115 LIBERTY MILL RD 20874  
COUNTY/PAGE/GRID: M 5046 F03 TOWN/CITY: GERMANTOWN

CAUSE: DEFECTIVE MATERIAL EST OVERFLOW VOLUME: 2,151 GAL  
UPON ARRIVAL, THE CREW FOUND A COLLAPSED SEWER PIPE BETWEEN MANHOLE 334M AND 309U, APPROXIMATELY 119 FT IN LENGTH. THE WATER LEVEL IN THE DITCH ROSE ABOVE THE REMAINING BASE PIPE, RESULTING IN SEWAGE LEAVING THE PIPE AND CONTACTING THE SURROUNDING SOIL WITHIN THE DITCH. THE DISCHARGE REMAINED FULLY CONTAINED WITHIN THE DITCH AND DID NOT IMPACT ANY WATERWAYS, STORM DRAINS, OR GRASSY AREAS. THE FLOW SUBSEQUENTLY DRAINED BACK INTO THE DOWNSTREAM PIPE SECTION. THE ESTIMATED VOLUME OF SEWAGE THAT PERCOLATED INTO THE SURROUNDING SOIL IS APPROXIMATELY 2,151 GALLONS. A WSSC CONTRACTOR SET UP BYPASS PUMPING OPERATIONS, TO END THE EVENT.

IMPACTS UPON PUBLIC HEALTH AND STATE WATERS:

DRY WEATHER NOTICEABLE ODOR  
PUBLIC ACCESS PUBLIC USE OBSERVED

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:

WSSC CONTRACTOR REMOVED CONTAMINATED SOIL.

NOTIFICATIONS MADE:

MD DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT DEP-MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
MONTGOMERY CO MUNICIPALITIES