



WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW WRITTEN REPORT

3614610-071-2026

MDE OFFICIAL CONTACTED: COLLIN BUCHER

DATA CALLED IN BY: WILLIAM EMRY MAPES DATE: 08/06/2026 AT 01:06PM

WORK ORDER(S): 3614610

EST DATE AND TIME SSO BEGAN: 08/06/2026 08:02AM DURATION: 1.25 HRS
DATE AND TIME SSO ENDED: 08/06/2026 09:17AM

SOURCE-FACILITY 00151897600 WATER BODY AFFECTED-PISCATAWAY CREEK

CLOSEST STREET ADDRESS: 522 W TANTALLON DR 20744
COUNTY/PAGE/GRID: P 5881 A06 TOWN/CITY: FORT WASHINGTON

CAUSE: DEFECTIVE MATERIAL EST OVERFLOW VOLUME: 150,300 GAL
A PUMP WATCH CREW AT THE SWAN CREEK WWPS OBSERVED A BROKEN WELD ON THE 12" HDPE DISCHARGE PIPING FOR THE EMERGENCY BYPASS PUMPS. THE BROKEN WELD CAUSED THE FORCE MAIN TO DISCHARGE APPROXIMATELY 150,300 GALLONS OF SEWAGE INTO A STORM DRAIN THAT OUTFALLS INTO SWAN CREEK, WITH MINIMAL POOLING ON THE GRASSY AREA IN FRONT OF THE PUMP STATION. THE CREW MANUALLY CLOSED THE VALVE, TO END THE EVENT.

IMPACTS UPON PUBLIC HEALTH AND STATE WATERS:
PUBLIC ACCESS

STEPS TAKEN OR PLANNED TO REDUCE, ELIMINATE AND PREVENT RECURRENCE:
THIS EVENT OCCURRED FROM BROKEN BYPASS DISCHARGE PIPING, AND IS THEREFORE NOT CCTVABLE.

MEASURES INITIATED/TAKEN TO MINIMIZE IMPACT:
LIME VISIBLE SOLIDS REMOVED

LIME WAS APPLIED TO THE AFFECTED GRASSY AREA. VISIBLE DEBRIS WAS REMOVED FROM THE AFFECTED AREA.

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

SIGNS POSTED: 3 POST DATE: 08/06/2026



Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Sanitary Sewer Overflow Event

Work Order Number	WDC
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Street Number	Street	Reference WO	Component ID Type	
522	West Tantallon Drive		F	

Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time	Flow Rate	Estimated Volume*
8/6/26	8:02 am	8/6/26	9:17 am	2004 GPM	150300 GL

Storm Drain, Grass, Dirt, Gravel or Forest areas affected?	Yes	Basin	04 Piscataway Creek	Zip Code	20744
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Tech ID	Defect Found	Cause of Defect	Repair Technique	Severity
4635	21 SS Pipe Broken	05 Defective Material	04 Repair/Replace Pipe	2

Impacts:	Minimization:	Notification: (Facility Overflow Only)
☐ DIS Discoloration	☐ FMH Flushed back into MH	☐ DEP DEP Montgomery County
☐ DW Dry weather	☐ GRD Grading of area	☐ NWS Newspapers
☐ FK Fishkill	☒ LIM Lime	☒ PHD PG County Health Dept
☐ NO Noticeable odor	☐ RAK Raked area	☐ RAD Radio Stations
☒ PA Public access	☒ VSR Visible solids removed	☐ TV Television
☐ PUO Public use observed		☒ MDE MD Dept Environment
☐ VSB Visible solids, stream bank		
☐ VSI Visible solids, in stream		
☐ WW Wet weather		
		Signs:
		Number Posted 3
		Date 8/6/2026

Work Order Comments
Total overflow quantity at Swan Creek WWPS estimated to be 150,300 gallons discharged onto station grounds and drainage area that leads to Swan Creek.
Cause Comments
Swan Creek has emergency bypass pumps and 12" HDPE discharge piping that connects to the force main. A weld on the HDPE discharge piping broke, causing the force main to discharge out of this temporary discharge piping.
Impact Comments
Overflow flowed to stormdrain near pump station. Minimal pooling of wastewater in grass in front of pump station.
Minimization Comments
Lime was applied to effected area. Any noticeable debris was removed.
Notification Comments
Contacted MDE - Collin Bucher @1:06 PM Contacted PG County Health Department - Susan Thweatt @1:13PM Notifications made by William Mapes #4635
Signature _____ Date _____

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