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Sewage spill occurs in Brushy Creek MUD

Lift Station malfunction

Round Rock – Brushy Creek MUD Public Works team has responded to a sewage spill that occurred near the corner of Smyers Lane and RR 620. The cause of the spill was pump failure at the Cat Hollow Lift Station, which is located at 16920 Smyers Lane.

The spill began at 11:30 am on January 18th, and the release of sewage from the lift station stopped by 9:30 pm the same day. A portion of the spill was contained onsite, with the majority of the spill being contained in a dry creek bed that runs behind the lift station. The estimated spill was 175,000 gallons of domestic sewage. The spill ran behind the lift station towards Smyers Lane. The spill continued a southern route under RR 620 where ended.

Brushy Creek Public Works worked through the night to minimize risk to the health and safety of the surrounding residents. During the time of the spill, the District had pumper trucks onsite to pump directly from the well, reducing the spill volume. Then, after the release was stopped, the District continued to utilize the pumper trucks through the night to recover released sewage in the area. The area has also been disinfected. Public Works will be taking water samples within the affected area to be tested for bacterial contamination.

TCEQ Region 11 has been notified, as well as the city of Round Rock and Williamson County. In accordance with TCEQ rules, the following statements are included in this notice:

1. Persons using private drinking water supply wells located within ½ mile of the spill site or within the potentially affected area should use only water that has been distilled or boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute for all personal uses, including drinking, cooking, bathing, and tooth brushing. Individuals with private water wells should have their well water tested and disinfected, if necessary, prior to discontinuing distillation and boiling.
2. Persons who purchase water from a public water supply may contact their water supply distributor to determine if the water is safe for personal use.
3. The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill.
4. If the public comes into with waste material, soil or water potentially affected by the spill, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.