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An unauthorized discharge or spill of wastewater has occurred from the City of Burleson Collection System Sewer Manhole No. 1989 located in the Village Creek floodway south of the Boys and Girls Club property at 220 Rigney Way in Burleson, Texas. The discharge/spill occurred between 8:10 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2015.

It is estimated that more than 50,000 gallons of domestic wastewater were spilled during the event. The area affected by the spill is Village Creek. Given the volume of water flowing down Village Creek, which was in or near flood stage at the time, the distance of the affected area is minimal due to the dilution of the spill caused by the flood waters. The spill is a result of excessive rainfall which has saturated the ground and entered into the wastewater collection system.

Burleson has received approximately 15.5 inches of rainfall within the last 30 days. Preliminary rainfall data indicates 5.37 inches of rain between the hours of 10:35 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, and 4:55 a.m. on Friday, May 29, with approximately 3 inches of this total occurring over a one-hour period between 11:55 p.m. on Thursday and 12:55 a.m. today, May 29. This rainfall created sufficient pressure in the wastewater line to remove the bolted manhole lid and supporting ring structure from the manhole.

The appropriate government officials along with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality have been notified. The wastewater line involved will be inspected by video camera to locate any failures which will be corrected. Debris as a result of the spill was removed by vacuum and the area was rinsed with de-chlorinated water. Temporary repairs have been made to the manhole until conditions permit more permanent repairs.

While City staff does not believe there is a threat to the public water supply, people who purchase water from the City of Burleson may contact the City of Burleson to determine if the water is safe for personal use. The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill. If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil, or water potentially affected by the spill, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible. Any questions regarding this issue should be directed to Michael Golden in the City of Burleson Public Works Department at 817-426-9836 or [mgolden@burlesontx.com](mailto:mgolden@burlesontx.com).