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A contractor working for the City is cleaning up an unauthorized discharge or spill of domestic wastewater from the City of Burleson Collection System at 748 N. Burleson Boulevard. The spill likely occurred between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Aug. 26 and 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Aug. 27. It is estimated that more than 50,000 gallons of domestic wastewater were spilled during the event.

The City's contractor, Mountain Cascade, is replacing and enlarging an existing underground wastewater line in North Creek. To perform this work, the contractor installed a bypass pumping operation. The City believes the spill is a result of vandalism or possibly a mechanical failure of a wastewater pipe fitting which is part of the bypass pumping operation. The origination of the spill occurred at a point approximately 300 feet east of North Burleson Blvd. and 200 feet north of McCall Street then extended approximately 700 linear feet downstream (to the east). Due to a natural earthen dam, the spill was confined to this area of North Creek.

The appropriate government officials along with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality have been notified. The spill is currently being cleaned up (i.e. mitigated) by removal of the wastewater and related debris, area disinfection, and flushing with clean de-chlorinated water. The wastewater line involved will be repaired and site security will be enhanced for future operation.

While City staff does not believe there is a threat to the public water supply, anyone who purchases water from the City of Burleson may contact the City at 817-426-9830 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. Additionally, anyone who is using private drinking water supply wells located within half a 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 or boiling.

Any questions regarding this issue or any reports of suspicious persons in the area who may have vandalized this equipment should be directed to Michael Golden in the City of Burleson Public Works Department at 817-426-9830 or [mgolden@burlesontx.com](mailto:mgolden@burlesontx.com).