



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## **Sewer spill occurs near Mission Parkway**

*Sewer main ruptured, water flowing into SA River*

SAN ANTONIO – San Antonio Water System crews are responding to a sewer spill that occurred near 8510 Mission Parkway. The cause at this point is undetermined, but the extended drought followed by recent wet weather could have contributed to soil movement in this area, which is known to have high clay content. The spilled amount will exceed the requirement for public notice. (See attached TCEQ notice for more details.)

Crews will work to stop the spill tonight. With daylight tomorrow, crews will further investigate possible causes for the break while conducting repairs and cleanup efforts.

For an interactive map and details on sewer project construction, visit [www.saws.org/sewer](http://www.saws.org/sewer).

*San Antonio Water System provides water and sewer services to more than 1.8 million customers through a system of more than 12,000 miles of pipe. An EPA consent decree agreement requires San Antonio to upgrade its sewer pipes and assets to prevent sewer spills. Under the consent decree, SAWS will invest an estimated \$855 million more than what the utility would have spent in the course of 10 to 12 years to reduce sewer spills and maintain its sewer system infrastructure. Help us improve the sewer system performance by disposing of wipes and grease/fats in the trash, and by immediately reporting sewer spills or missing manhole covers at 210-704-SAWS (7297).*

*TCEQ Notice attached.*

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## NOTICE OF SPILL FROM A WASTEWATER FACILITY

A spill from a wastewater treatment or collection facility has occurred.

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPILL

Facility Name: Steven M Clouse Water Recycling Center – 10137-033

Contact for further information: Anne Hayden – 210-233-3622

Location of the spill: 30-inch Force Main near 8510 Mission Parkway

Estimated time and date of spill: Approximately 4:30 PM on 11/29/2020

Estimated volume of the spill (number of gallons): Spill estimated > 100,000 gallons

Type of spill: (domestic) (industrial) (other) Explain other: Domestic wastewater

Area potentially affected: San Antonio River

Suspected cause of spill: Structural

### THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN:

- Appropriate local governmental officials have been notified.
- TCEQ regional office has been notified.
- The spill has been contained.
- Increased monitoring of water supply systems has been initiated.
- The cause of the spill has been corrected.
- Clean-up activities are underway/completed.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONS MAY WISH TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS

- 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
- Don't swim in affected area streams, ponds or lakes.
- Always wash hands thoroughly before preparing or eating food.
- Always wash hands thoroughly after any contact with animals, soil or diapers.
- Private well owners may wish to treat their well water, have their well water tested and inspect their wells for proper siting, construction and maintenance.