



## News Release



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### **Sanitary Sewer Blockage Results in Overflow**

**ROWLETT, TX** – On January 20, 2014 at approximately 4:00 PM, a sanitary sewer manhole 2,000 to 3,000 feet west of Old Princeton Road was reported as overflowing, spilling approximately 86,000 gallons of domestic wastewater onto the surrounding area. Crews were dispatched and had the overflow under control at 6:52 PM. The cause of the overflow was an obstructed sewer main line, likely the result of grease build up or a collapsed pipe.

The affected area, which extends from that manhole, south to Muddy Creek has been diluted with dechlorinated water. Samples collected from Muddy Creek and Lake Ray Hubbard have been delivered to North Texas Municipal Water District's laboratory for analysis.

Persons using private drinking water supply wells located within 1/2-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.

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.

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.

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