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A sewer (domestic wastewater) spill (unauthorized discharge) has occurred due to the apparent failure of a 10-inch City of Burleson sewer (wastewater) collection line (collection system). This spill occurred at 700 N.W. Douglas St. in Burleson, Texas, between 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, and 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016.

The spill was cleaned up (mitigated) by physical removal of the sewage (wastewater) and debris, and flushing with clean de-chlorinated water. The sewage (wastewater) line involved was repaired and will be evaluated for any additional needed maintenance to prevent future failures.

It is estimated that more than 50,000 gallons of sewage (domestic wastewater) spilled during the event. The area affected is North Creek, extending from the source location then downstream approximately 1,370 linear feet where it was contained by a natural rock outcrop dam. The appropriate government officials along with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality have been notified.

There is no threat to the City of Burleson's public water supply from this spill. However, the City will increase monitoring of the water supply system as a precautionary measure.

Those who purchase water from the City of Burleson may contact the City of Burleson 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, persons using private drinking water supply wells located within one-half 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 should be directed to Kevin North in the City of Burleson Public Works Department at 817-426-9839 or knorth@burlesontx.com.