



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Notice that Sanitary Sewer Overflow Ended

Pursuant to CMR 314 16.04, the Town of Upton Wastewater Department reports that the Sanitary Sewer Overflow that started at 11:45 a.m. on December 18, 2023, ended at 1:15 p.m. on December 20. Due to the overwhelming rain received over Sunday and Monday, December 17 and 18, partially treated sewage was discharged to an unnamed tributary of the West River.

The town did not discharge raw sewage. It discharged sewage that has passed through several of the sewage treatment steps. The partially treated sewage that was discharged is sewage that bypassed the treatment plant's sand filters, which is the last step in the town's sewage treatment process. Also, not all the sewage treated at the plant during this time bypassed the sand filters.

The Wastewater Department estimates that about 250,000 gallons of partially treated sewage was discharged. The partially treated sewage was discharged from the discharge pipe located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 43 Maple Avenue into an unnamed tributary to the West River and into the West River.

Avoid contact with these water bodies for the next 48 hours due to increased health risks from bacteria and other pollutants.

More information on discharges and overflows can be found on the town's website on the Department of Public works page (<https://www.uptonma.gov/272/Sanitary-Sewer-Overflow-Notification>).

Please contact Ed Dela Motte, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, at edelamotte@uptonma.gov or 508-529-3993 if you have any questions.

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