



# City of Amesbury

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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## **SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW NOTICE OF CESSATION** **(February 1, 2023, 2:09 PM)**

To: List of Required Public Notification Recipients

Please be advised a discharge of untreated sanitary sewage from the Amesbury sewer system, also referred to as a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO), ended at 1:20 pm on 2/1/23. The SSO occurred at a property in the vicinity of the following address: 60 Elm Street. The SSO was first reported at 12:50 pm on 2/1/23 and stopped at 1:20 pm on 2/1/23, lasting for 30 minutes. Based on visual observation, the total estimated overflow volume is approximately < 200 gallons.

At this time, we have determined the cause of the SSO to be the result of a pipe blockage. Due to the discharge of untreated sanitary sewage to the ground surface, remedial measures have been implemented to clean-up the affected areas. However, as previously noted, the following precautionary measures should be taken by the public:

- Avoid contact with these water bodies for 48 hours after the discharge or overflow ceases due to increased health risks from bacteria and other pollutants. See website (<http://amesburyma.gov/285/Wastewater-Treatment-Facility>) for more information on whether specific resource areas, such as bathing beaches are affected.
- Pay close attention to any signage, drums, barricades, and other devices restricting access to the area impacted by the SSO discharge until remediation of the site is complete.
- Await further updates every eight hours if the SSO discharge is still ongoing after this initial notice has been issued. In this case, a final notice will also be issued within two hours after the discharge ends or is projected to end.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please call the Amesbury WWTP at (978) 388-1912.

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