

City of Rochelle

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February 14, 2024

Linda Stevens
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2024 Newton Road
Albany, GA 31701-3576

Re: Recent Spill in City of Rochelle near Sook Road

Dear Ms. Stevens,

The following is a timeline of the recent spill in City of Rochelle near Sook Road. The latitude and longitude of the manhole involved in the spill are 31°57'16.7"N 83°27'39.7"W

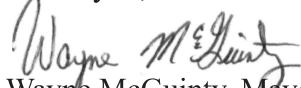
Sunday, February 11 - Rainfall started in Rochelle around eleven that morning and continued on and off throughout the day and evening. Total rainfall received was slightly over one inch.

Monday, February 12 - Rainfall returned around six in the morning and continued until about three in the afternoon. Rainfall was very heavy at times. Total rainfall received today was nearly three inches. The manhole referred to above started weeping around 9:45 a.m. By 11:00 a.m. there was a steady flow emitting from the openings in the manhole due to the high level of the Ginhouse pump station. The flow had lessened considerably by 3:00 p.m. because we had taken both pumps at the Ginhouse station "in hand" and were running both pumps constantly. By 4:00 p.m. the flow had subsided and it did not return. We limed the area around the manhole as soon as the flow had stopped. We went back to normal operations at the Ginhouse pump station around 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13 - We checked the manhole at 7:00 a.m. and there was no flow or weeping. We reapplied lime to the area around the manhole and continued to monitor it and the Ginhouse pump station throughout the day. Our estimate of the total spill amount is between 5,000 and 10,000 gallons. We posted notices about the spill at the spill site and at city hall.

Please feel free to call me on my cell at 229-949-0275 with any questions.

Thank you,



Wayne McGuinty, Mayor
City of Rochelle