



CITY OF HOT SPRINGS

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The Davidson WWTP is currently under construction improvements for the headworks facility that includes new fine mechanical screens and grit removal equipment. Flow has been diverted to the flow equalization basin to allow for required concrete work to be completed for the new equipment.

The flow from the equalization basin is subsequently pumped back into the primary clarifiers for continued treatment through the facility. The recent extended duration rains of approximately 10" and counting caused the flow equalization basin to fill to near capacity the evening of February 22, 2018.

In addition to a city owned by-pass pump, a supplemental by-pass pump was ordered, delivered, and operational at approximately midnight on February 23, 2018. The by-pass pumps are currently pumping flow from the influent junction box to the primary clarifiers and has resulted in the flow equalization basin to stabilize and begin lowering the water level. The water level in the flow equalization basin reached maximum capacity at approximately 4:00 AM resulting in an unpermitted discharge. The unpermitted discharge lasted until approximately 8:00 am.

Plant staff cleaned up the area of the unpermitted discharge consistent with the City of Hot Springs sanitary sewer overflow cleanup plan.

Sincerely

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