

SSO Record

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Reported **4/26/2023 8:30am**, as follows:

Location: Due to our current WWTP being destroyed in a tornado event on March 31, 2023, we are currently diverting wastewater to an equalization basin (EQ) at a separate location from the WWTP. The equalization basin is currently being retrofitted to use as a temporary WWT lagoon system, as approved by EO from ADEQ. The large majority of wastewater upstream is being diverted into the referenced EQ Basin however, one (1) subdivision downstream of the EQ Basin is currently flowing into a holding pond at the entrance of the WWTP. Wynne Water Utilities (WWU) was in the process of setting up a wastewater transport hauling company to pump down the entrance pond, as well as all existing concrete basins within the plant footprint so that further debris removal operations could commence. However, at approximately 7:30 am CST on April 26, 2023, WWU received a call from a customer who was having issues flushing in their home. Upon further evaluation, the manholes within the subdivision area were beginning to backup. Therefore, in order to avoid damage from wastewater backups within the subdivision residences, WWU set up a pump at the entrance pond and began pumping wastewater into the ditch north of the WWTP to provide the system with relief.

Volume: 100000

SSO reached receiving waters – Receiving waters: **Caney Creek**

Measures taken: Spread lime

Environmental damage: NEAH

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