

Town of Rockland Public Advisory Notification

The purpose of this email is to notify you of a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) as required by 314 CMR 16.00.

On January 10, 2024, at 11:00am there was a sanitary sewer discharge or overflow at the Rockland Wastewater Treatment Plant due to the recent heavy rain. The discharge or overflow consists of partially treated sewage.

As of 1/17/2024 at 8:00am the discharge or overflow of the partially treated sewage has been on-going for the past **165 hours**. On 1/13/2024 we received another 1.34" of rain putting the total for the week at 4.84". The flow has finally started to decrease but still considerably higher than our limit of 2.5 MGD.

The estimated volume of the discharge or overflow of the partially treated sewage is currently at **6,541,679 gallons**.

The water bodies and land areas affected and/or potentially affected include the following:

- **French's Stream**

Avoid contact with this water body for 48 hours after the discharge or overflow ceases due to increased health risks from bacteria and other pollutants. See the website below for more information on whether specific resource areas such as bathing beaches are affected.

For additional information on discharges and overflows, and the SSO abatement program(s) please see Rockland's Sewer Department webpage: <https://rockland-ma.gov/242/Sewer>

Sincerely,

Charles Heshion

Charles Heshion – Chairman

Rockland Sewer Commission