

Town of Rockland Public Advisory Notification

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

On March 24, 2024 at 9:00 AM, there was a sanitary sewer discharge or overflow at the Rockland Wastewater Treatment Plant. The discharge or overflow consists of primary treatment and chlorination that is then blended with our final effluent flow.

This was the result of a rain event (**2.57"**) on 03/23 and a high groundwater table. The total rainfall for March 2024 is currently at **7.28"**. The flow at the time of this report was estimated at 7.0 MGD (Million Gallons per Day) and the facility is only designed for 2.5 MGD.

The estimated volume of the discharge/overflow is not known at this time. This Public Advisory Notification will be updated every eight hours or as time allows.

The affected water bodies and land areas affected and/or potentially affected by the discharge or overflow 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), see Rockland's Sewer Department webpage: <https://rockland-ma.gov/242/Sewer>

Sincerely,

Charles Heshion

Charles Heshion - Chairman

Rockland Sewer Commission