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**MAJOR SPILL REPORT TO EPD**

**EPD Watershed Protection Branch**

**2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive**

**Suite 1152**

**Atlanta, GA 30334**

**DATE OF MAJOR SPILL:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 3:11 pm – Sunday, January 14, 2024, 5:00 pm

**REPORT SUBMITTED:** Thursday, January 18, 2024

**LOCATION OF MAJOR SPILL:** [3630 Riverside Drive](#) - MH ID: 64342/64340  
(Please note that the address used is a reference for the location of the manhole.)

**CAUSE OF MAJOR SPILL:** The cause of this major spill was hydraulic overload due to heavy rains in the MWA service area as well as blockage due to debris. According to local rain data reports, between January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup>, Macon-Bibb County received 4.40 inches of rain.

**ESTIMATED VOLUME DISCHARGED:** 349,800 gallons  
(Please note that this quantity is only a calculated **estimation** of the volume of sewage that spilled from our system. More sewage may have escaped the system.)

**RECEIVING WATERS:** Storm drain feeding Sabbath Creek

**SERVICE BASIN AFFECTED:** Sabbath Creek

**WRF SERVICE AREA NPDES PERMIT:** GA0024538

**CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO MITIGATE OR TO REDUCE ADVERSE EFFECTS:**

Debris has been removed from the area. The affected area has also been sprayed with an enzyme treatment for organic waste called Bio-Bug.

**SPILL STATUS:** Sewage is no longer escaping.

**SIGNS POSTED:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024

**CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT FUTURE SPILL:** The Macon Water Authority will continue investigating sources of inflow and infiltration into its system. This line will be added to the Hotspot Inspection list for monitoring.

**MONITORING INITIATED:** Sunday, January 14, 2024

**MEDIA / HEALTH DEPARTMENT / OTHERS NOTIFIED:** Macon Telegraph, WMAZ (TV), WMGH (Radio), WGXA, Macon-Bibb County Health Department, State of Georgia Health Department

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY:** Bryan Jones