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MAJOR SPILL REPORT TO EPD

DATE OF MAJOR SPILL: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

REPORT SUBMITTED: Monday, April 20, 2026

LOCATION OF MAJOR SPILL: [Outfall/Discharge to Ocmulgee River from the Rocky Creek Water Reclamation Facility at 4705 Mead Road](#)

CAUSE OF MAJOR SPILL: The major spill was caused by an excessive buildup of rags on a bar screen. During the evening, between the day shift's last rounds and the night shift's first rounds, the screen was completely blinded, causing influent to flow over the side wall and directly into the effluent channel.

MEASURED TSS EFFLUENT RESULT: The Georgia EPD requires Rocky Creek WRF to report as a Major Spill if the discharge to the waters of the State exceeds on any single day 67.5 mg/L for TSS. The TSS for the date reported was 71 mg/L.

VOLUME OF EFFLUENT DISCHARGED: 18.93 MG

RECEIVING WATERS: Ocmulgee River

SERVICE BASIN AFFECTED: Lower Rocky Creek

WRF SERVICE AREA NPDES PERMIT: GA0024546

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO MITIGATE OR TO REDUCE ADVERSE EFFECTS: The operator on-site promptly cleaned the bar screen and increased the frequency of inspections throughout the shift.

SPILL STATUS: Contained

SIGNS POSTED: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT FUTURE SPILL: The MWA staff is pursuing options for plant and sewer line upgrades, some of which will allow for all plant flow to be screened, and any processes that are taken down are cleaned of rags and debris that may have gathered to prevent them from breaking free when there are changes in flow or aeration speed.

MONITORING INITIATED: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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

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