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MAJOR SPILL REPORT TO EPD
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DATE OF MAJOR SPILL: Thursday, July 9, 2026

REPORT SUBMITTED: Tuesday, July 14, 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: High solids caused the WRF to exceed its daily threshold of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) as stated in the Authority's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES).

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 82 mg/L.

VOLUME OF EFFLUENT DISCHARGED: 17.81 MGD

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: Once the flows decreased, operations restored aeration and began to return the plant to normal operating conditions.

SPILL STATUS: Sewage is no longer escaping

SIGNS POSTED: Friday, July 10, 2026

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT FUTURE SPILL: Our staff is regularly adjusting the aeration basins and clarifiers to manage solids while minimizing losses to the effluent. The return pumps are currently being turned on and are being gradually ramped up to prevent a surge of flow into the aeration basins. We will activate the clarifier polymer feed systems if necessary to assist with solids settling. However, due to the density of the blankets that are already forming, there is a concern that adding polymer could over-torque the arms.

As MSI identifies opportunities, press operations and waste management will be resumed. MWA is aware that inflow and infiltration (I&I) contribute to elevated flows during rain events, and they are addressing I&I in future Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects. Furthermore, MWA staff is exploring options for plant upgrades that will improve control of various processes, particularly during major storm events.

MONITORING INITIATED: Monday, July 13, 2026

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

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Marlayzha Griffin