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MAJOR SPILL REPORT TO EPD

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DATE OF MAJOR SPILL: Saturday, August 22, 2026

REPORT SUBMITTED: Friday, August 28, 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 84 mg/L.

VOLUME OF EFFLUENT DISCHARGED: 17.89 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:

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: Monday, August 24, 2026

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT FUTURE SPILL: Our operations staff is working to get the last three aerators in Basin #3, the largest of the three basins with a capacity of 14 million gallons, up and running. The aerators are single-speed, and turning them on for even a few minutes can quickly raise the clarifier blankets. Currently, the blankets have been higher than desirable, so when they start to rise too quickly, we temporarily turn off the aerators in the basin until the blankets return to a safer level. Turning off the aerators helps prevent the loss of solids to the effluent, but it may result in the effluent becoming more turbid.

MONITORING INITIATED: Monday, August 24, 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