

# THE TOWN OF Batesburg-Leesville

## Sanitary Sewer Overflow

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The Town of Batesburg-Leesville Utilities Department experienced a Sanitary Sewer Overflow on July 20, 2021 at the following location:

Intersection of Willis Street and Bethlehem Road

The overflow was released from manholes surcharged due to a high intensity rain event. The overflow reached Davis Pond. The volume of sewage released is estimated at 10,000 to 15,000 gallons. The cause of the overflow was excessive rainfall and infiltration into the sewer system during the rain event. Mitigation of the leak included spreading of pelletized lime and debris clean-up. Area flooding limited access to the site. Town staff will follow up with a more thorough inspection and evaluation when the area is more accessible.

South Carolina DHEC has been notified and provided assistance to the Wastewater staff during the incident. Staff are continuing to monitor the situation and respond accordingly by providing daily reports to SCDHEC.

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