

# 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 June 13, 2021 at the following location:

Batesburg-Leesville Waster Water Plant at 100 Commission Street, Batesburg, SC

The overflow was released from the treatment plant and reached Duncan Creek. The volume of sewage released is estimated at 100,000 gallons, before staff realized the upset and began corrective measures. The cause of the overflow was a sludge bulk issue in the clarifier. Mitigation of the leak included reducing the discharge flow by utilizing the on-site surge basins, pump and haul operations removal and disposal of sludge from the discharge flume and contact chambers, spreading of pelletized lime downstream of the Town's discharge site and increasing disinfection dose for inactivation of the bacteria and viruses. The ongoing issues at the WWTP are resulting in effluent discharges that are impacting Duncan Creek.

South Carolina DHEC has been notified and provided assistance to the Wastewater staff during the incident. Staff are continuing to monitor the discharge and receiving stream and providing daily reports to SCDHEC.

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