



**King County**

Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
**Wastewater Treatment Division**

Brightwater Treatment Plant  
22505 State Route 9 SE  
Woodinville, WA 98072

September 20, 2024

Sean Wilson, P.E.  
Washington Department of Ecology  
Northwest Regional Office  
PO Box 330316  
Shoreline, WA 98133-9716

Re: Drilling Damage, Swamp Creek Sewer Line, September 10, 2024

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On September 10, 2024, a Sound Transit vendor was drilling near the I-405 and I-5 interchange, between Maple Road and WA-525, in the Alderwood area. Both the crown and the invert of the sanitary sewer line, located 20 feet below ground surface (bgs), were drilled through by the vendor. This incident was reported to the Washington State Department of Ecology and assigned ERTS #733758.

King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) construction management and conveyance crews responded to the incident. Upon digging to the depth of the incident, it is estimated that approximately 1,000 gallons of sewage seeped out of the pipe. An estimated two yards of contaminated soil will need to be removed.

Parts to permanently repair the pipe are on order and may take up to six weeks to deliver. Until that time, a repair band is on the sanitary sewer line. A storage tank is being used to collect any sewage that seeps into the ditch, with the sewage pumped back into the sewer line.

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If you have any questions about this overflow event, please feel free to contact me at 206-477-3347.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Brackett, Chapin

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Chapin Brackett  
Process and Environmental Compliance Manager

*I certify under penalty of law, that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.*

cc: Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD), Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)  
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