



Department of Public Works
Water Supply & Water Pollution Control

25 South Street
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Subject: SSO Public Notification

In accordance with MassDEP 314 CMR 16.00, we are notifying the public of a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) that began on August 23, 2023, at the Bridgewater Morris Avenue Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). At approximately 9:30 PM on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, the Town of Bridgewater found their chlorine disinfection system was malfunctioning due to a broken gas regulator. For safety, the Town Operations team immediately turned off the chlorine disinfection system and ordered a replacement gas regulator. The new regulator arrived at approximately 8:00 AM. The Town Operations team installed the new regulator and resumed chlorine disinfection at approximately 8:15 AM on Thursday, August 24, 2023. The Morris Ave. WWTF discharged approximately 371,000 gallons of (not chlorinated) effluent through its discharge into the Town River between 9:30 PM on Wednesday, August 23 and 8:15 AM Thursday, August 24. Impacts to local waterbodies that would pose health risks from bacteria and other pollutants may have occurred. Visit the Town's website: <https://www.bridgewaterma.org/1490/SSO-Public-Notifications> or contact the Bridgewater Water and Sewer Department at (508) 697-0937 if you have any questions or concerns.