

# **Public Notice (4/22/2026)**

Due to receiving 6.75 inches of rain during the period of April 12-16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the City of Seymour's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) received more influent flow than could be treated through the facility. This resulted in several Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO), a term used by the WDNR to categorize events when water containing sewage overflows the collection system or is mechanically pumped out of the manholes to prevent it from reaching the hydraulically overloaded WWTF.

The extremely high flows resulted from excessive inflow/infiltration entering the sanitary sewer collection system through cracks in pipes and manholes, illegal sump pump connections, and combined flows from houses with foundation drains that are piped directly into the sanitary sewer laterals. Although the Sewer Utility monitors performance along with performing extensive maintenance annually, these very high rainfalls can result in flows that overwhelm the WWTF. Pumping out of manholes is done to prevent the flooding of the WWTF which contains 10's of millions of dollars in equipment. The short-term effects of the SSO far outweigh the costs associated with rebuilding and replacing the WWTF.

Due to the heavy rains and flows at the time of the SSO, the potential danger to the public from the discharge is very minimal.

Thank you,

City of Seymour Sewer Utility