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NOTICE

Combined Sewer Overflow Event Information

As a result of the 1.30 inches of rain on April 4th and 5th, both the Washington Street and Wellington Avenue CSO Facilities discharged. The Washington Street Facility started discharging on April 4th at 11:55am and stopped on April 6th at 12:08 am, for a total discharge of 1,346,201 gallons. The Wellington Avenue Facility started discharging on April 4th at 11:20am and stopped on April 4th at 10:40pm, for a total discharge of 355,572 gallons.

The City has instituted a program at the CSO facilities to notify the public as to when a CSO is occurring. A red flag will be raised at the Wellington Avenue or Washington Street Facility by EarthTech staff who are the operators of the wastewater system for the City. The red flag will not be lowered until twenty four (24) hours after the overflow has stopped. EarthTech staff will notify the Harbor Master and a red flag will also be raised at the Harbor Master's Building on America's Cup Avenue at Perrotti Park to indicate a CSO event.. Information on CSO's will also be posted on the City's website at www.cityofnewport.com.

Also, the City and EarthTech have established a CSO Information Line at (401) 845-0092. The information regarding the status of the CSO Facilities is maintained by the operators who are on duty.