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Site Name: SSO on Spa Creek, City of Annapolis
Facility Address: behind 910 Primrose Rd., Annapolis, MD 21403
County: Anne Arundel County

Start Date/Time: March 13, 2023 02:00 PM
End Date /Time: March 13, 2023 03:00 PM

Complaint Number: 140588
Media Type(s): NPDES Municipal Major Surface Water
Contact(s): Vanessa Cabezas, property manager, Spa Cove Apartments

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Permit / Approval Numbers: N/A

Inspection Reason: Complaint

Site Status: Inactive

Compliance Status: Noncompliance

Recommended Action: Additional Investigation Required

Evidence Collected: Photos or Videos Taken, Visual Observation

Delivery Method: Email

Weather: Partly Cloudy, Calm, Dry

Inspection Findings: Inspection of the site was made today in a response to complaint that a large amount of white powder was dumped in the wetlands next to creek in the forest conservation area. Complainant also stated that the Annapolis Fire Department inspected the white powder and identified it as fire retardant foam from a fire extinguisher. Complainant provided pictures, see attached. Nobody was present at the site during inspection.

I contacted Battalion Chief John D. Muhitch, Annapolis City Fire Department, who stated that on 2/27/23 their units responded to the area in question and found one large dry chemical fire extinguisher had been maliciously discharged. I contacted the complainant who stated that Harbor Master who investigated the complaint confirmed the findings of the Fire Department.

Inspection found that a large area in the woods is covered by lime (white powder), placed there to disinfect the surface impacted by sanitary sewage overflow (SSO), see pictures taken today. The area is posted to avoid water contact. The area is approx. 100 x 100 feet, it stretches all the way to the stream bank and it is located within the Hawkins Cove Conservation Area. The stream is an unnamed tributary to Spa Creek, Use Class I, confluent to Hawkins Cove/Severn River (Use Class II). There is various trash and debris discarded in the area, including a fire extinguisher, see pictures taken today.

I spoke with Mrs. Cabezas, property manager, Spa Cove Apartments, who stated that approx. 2 to 3 weeks ago their maintenance personnel discovered raw sewage overflowing from a manhole in the wooded area behind the 908 and 910 Primrose Rd. The overflow was not within the Apartments' sewer system and they reported it to DPW, City of Annapolis.

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Additional investigation found that the sewage overflow occurred on 2/22/23 and was reported by Thomas Newquist, City of Annapolis DPW. According to the 24-hour telephone report, approx. 1,000 gallons of raw sewage/gray water discharged into the Spa Creek as a result of the sewer main blockage. The 5-day follow-up report of the SSO was not received by MDE as of today.

With respect to the above complaint the following violation of Environment Article Title 9, by City of Annapolis Department of Public Works was observed this day with corrections needed immediately:

- Failure to submit follow-up report within 5 days of the sewage overflow. **SUBMIT A LETTER/REPORT TO MDE DETAILING THE OVERFLOW EVENT ON THE SITE ON 2/22/23.**

Be reminded that owner or operator of any sanitary sewer system shall provide a written report to the Department within 5 calendar days after the telephone notification of the event. The report should include location of the overflow, the name of the owner and operator of the sanitary sewer system, the name of the receiving water, the volume discharged, the cause of the overflow, the steps taken to reduce, eliminate and prevent recurrences, etc. (COMAR 26.08.10.05.A)

Additional investigation will be made to verify compliance. Copy of this report will be forwarded to Michael Rossberg, City of Annapolis, DPW; John Muhitch, Annapolis City Fire Department and to complainant.

STATE LAW PROVIDES FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF MARYLAND ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE TITLE 9 FOR EACH DAY THE VIOLATION CONTINUES. THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT MAY SEEK PENALTIES FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 9 ON THIS SITE FOR EACH DAY THE VIOLATION CONTINUES.



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