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NTMWD Addressing Wilson Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Release

No impact on treated drinking water provided by NTMWD

(Wylie, Texas-December 31, 2018) The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) crews have erected booms in a remote part of Lavon Lake to contain partially treated wastewater released from the Wilson Creek Regional Wastewater Plant during heavy thunderstorms last week. NTMWD staff will monitor the situation and remove any floating debris in the area which is located in the far northwest corner of Lavon Lake that is accessible only by boat. In addition, a third party environmental consultant has been engaged to assess the condition of the impacted area and recommend remediation actions, if needed.

The release occurred on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 during a heavy thunderstorm. Due to the storm, power outage and lightning related equipment damage, the treatment process was not completed and just under 28,000 gallons of wastewater spilled at the plant site and some eventually flowed into a small cove about 2,000 yards north of the Highland Park boat ramp at Lavon Lake.

NTMWD officials are working with appropriate government agencies including the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Treated drinking water provided by NTMWD is safe and is not impacted. Persons using private drinking water wells located within one-half mile of the spill site should distill or boil their water; however, NTMWD is not aware of any drinking water wells within this vicinity. The public should avoid contact with the discharged waste material in the lake. Boaters are advised to avoid the area.

About NTMWD

The North Texas Municipal Water District is a regional wholesale provider of water, wastewater and solid waste disposal services for approximately 1.6 million residents across 10 counties – a service territory covering 2,200 square miles. For more information, visit NTMWD.com.

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