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Public Works Notice

Date: 5-27-26

From: The Department of Public Works, City of Leonard

Regarding: Sanitation Sewer Overflows During the Heavy Rain

Dear Residents of The City of Leonard,

On May 27, 2026, the City of Leonard is in the middle of experiencing a deluge of rain, topping 2.50 inches of rain, thus far. With the already saturated ground conditions, our sanitary sewer system is taking on an enormous amount of Inflow and Infiltration (I&I/Rainwater), which has inundated our wastewater system.

You may have noticed manholes and cleanouts overflowing, perhaps your toilets aren't flushing well, or other side effects from this event.

This memo is to inform you that we are aware of the issues. We also want to assure the citizens of Leonard that the city is addressing these issues with a multi-million dollar sewer line upgrade that is expected to begin late 2026 or early 2027.

With each of these overflow events, we diligently sanitize the area, record the details of the event, and report to the TCEQ, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, as required.

Persons using private drinking water supply wells located within 1/2 mile of the city limits or the potentially affected area should use only water that has been distilled or boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute for all personal uses, including drinking, cooking, bathing, and tooth brushing. Individuals with private water wells should have their well water tested and disinfected, if necessary, before discontinuing distillation or boiling.

The water supplied by your local municipality, whether directly through your faucet or provided to a wholesale customer, is safe to drink and may be used for personal use.

The public should avoid contact with the waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the overflow. If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil, or water potentially affected by the overflow, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: PWD@cityofleonard.net

Thank You,

Woody Patrick
Public Works Director