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Hello Rob,

I hope all is well. We have become aware of two more sewer spills in the East Palo Alto Sanitary District service area in the last two months. So far we know of at least three spills.

Would you or one of the LAFCo commisioners ask why these three sewer spills have not been reported to the State Water Board?

Here is a screenshot of the State Water Board's website, as of today February 5th. The last spill reported was in 2009. We feel that it is important to be completely transparent and honest about reporting spills; and that the public being served by the EPASD is aware of how the agency is being operated. It appears that public health is not being addressed properly.



California Integrated Water Quality System Project (CIWQS)

Spill Public Report – Spill Event ID(s) Page

Here is the detail page of your Sanitary Sewer System Spill Report search for selected Regional Board, county, responsible agency, or sanitary sewer system. These results correspond to the following search criteria:

SEARCH CRITERIA: [\[REFINE SEARCH\]](#)

- Agency (East Palo Alto Sanitary District)
- Spill Type (Category 1; Category 2; Category 3)

The table below presents important details from Enrollee-submitted certified spill events, as submitted through individual spill reports, which meet the search criteria selected on the Sanitary Sewer System (SSS) Spill Report Form. If data is not shown for a particular field, it means the Enrollee did not provide the information and was not required to do so. To view the entire spill report, select the corresponding "Spill Event ID".

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| Event ID | Region | Responsible Agency | Sewer System | WDID | Spill Category | Spill Start Date | Spill Vol (gal) | Spill Vol Recovered (gal) | Spill Vol Reached Surface Water (gal) | System Failure Location | Spill Appearance Point |
|------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 650605 | 2 | East Palo Alto Sanitary District | East Palo Alto Sanitary Dist. CS | 2SSO10129 | Category 2 | 2007-05-12 10:00 | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | | Manhole |
| 730358 | 2 | East Palo Alto Sanitary District | East Palo Alto Sanitary Dist. CS | 2SSO10129 | Category 3 | 2008-12-06 04:00 | 300 | 0 | 0 | Main | Gravity sewer |
| 736554 | 2 | East Palo Alto Sanitary District | East Palo Alto Sanitary Dist. CS | 2SSO10129 | Category 3 | 2009-04-17 03:42 | 200 | 0 | 0 | Main | Manhole |
| 737914 | 2 | East Palo Alto Sanitary District | East Palo Alto Sanitary Dist. CS | 2SSO10129 | Category 1 | 2009-05-24 11:00 | 1,000 | 800 | 200 | | Manhole |

The three spills that we are aware of and were not reported as required are:

- April 19, 2021 – Spill at 1104 Bay Road, Menlo Park (Bay & Menalto) – Spill into storm drain.
- December 4, 2023 – Spill at 1296 Garden Street, EPA – Spill into storm drain.
- January 19, 2024 – Spill at 395 E. Okeefe Street, EPA – Spill into gutter drain, stoppage relieved, paper and feces not cleaned up.

I reported the April 19, 2021 and the December 4, 2023 directly to the EPASD General Manager via email and shared these photos with him. The most recent spill on January 19, 2024 was to be reported by an East Palo Alto city official.

Our Board feels these questions need to be asked during this week’s public hearing. Attached are photos of the spills.

Thank you,

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