

ANNANDALE-MAPLE LAKE-HOWARD LAKE WASTEWATER COMMISSION

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TO: Ramsey Lake Residents
FROM: Annandale – Maple Lake – Howard Lake Wastewater Commission

RE: Feb. 6 Sewer Spill Update

The Annandale-Maple Lake-Howard Lake Wastewater Commission responded to a sewer spill at 2:16 p.m. on Feb. 6, 2018, due to a forcemain fitting failure 150 feet south of the Maple Lake life station. An estimated 6,210 gallons of untreated sewage overflowed into the stormwater pond that leads to Ramsey Lake. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has not issued any health advisories related to this spill.

The Commission, permitted by the MPCA, followed strict MPCA protocol following the spill by removing top layers of ice from the location where the stormwater pond discharges into Ramsey Lake. Approximately 11,714 gallons of both untreated sewage and water runoff from natural drainage and snow melt were removed and disposed. As required by the MPCA, Commission staff has taken water samples and will continue to do so to monitor any impact to the Lake.

The MPCA and other state agencies have informed the Commission that there is no public concern for public use of Ramsey Lake or the consumption of fish filets. If you have further concerns or questions regarding this, please contact the appropriate state contact:

Concerns regarding fish consumption or other lake items:

Patricia McCann
MN Department of Health
651-207-4915

Concerns regarding water borne diseases:

MN Water Borne Disease Unit
651-201-5414

The Commission understands the concern of area residents and will continue to do everything it can to minimize any impact to the lake.

If you have further concerns, please reach out to the Commission Secretary, Kelly Hinnenkamp at 320-274-3055 or by email at khinnenkamp@annandale.mn.us.