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Sherree Walker  
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RE: Pollution Remediation Obligations per GASB Statement No. 49 for FY25

In response to your request, the University had five new illicit discharge events in the fiscal year 2025 (FY25). The total pollution remediation cost to the university for the FY25 illicit discharge events was **\$151,118.94**. No funds were recovered from insurance or other sources.

A description of each event and its associated cost can be found in Attachment A. If you have any questions regarding these events or need additional information, you may contact me at 221-2146 or [tbelback@wm.edu](mailto:tbelback@wm.edu)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Belback".

Teresa Belback, Director  
Environmental Health & Safety Office

Cc: Sean Hughes, Associate Vice President Business Affairs

Attachment A: W&M FY25 Illicit Discharge Report

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**William & Mary FY25 Illicit Discharge Report**  
**July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025**

**1. West Woods 1 Sewage Leak – DEQ # 317820 – Work Order 401424**

On March 4, 2025, a sewage leak was identified within the construction fence of the West Woods One project. It was caused by a blockage in the sewage system, not caused by construction. It was estimated that no more than 5,000 gallons of sewage entered the Health Center BMP (best management practice stormwater feature). It did create a fish kill. The BMP drains to Tinkling Rill stream, which discharges to Lake Matoaka. Costs incurred were associated with pumping contaminated water from the BMP and clearing the blockage. No further remediation was required. No insurance claim was filed for this incident.

Description	Cost
Facilities Management Labor	\$ 525.00
Maintenance Contract	\$ 2,435.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,960.00</b>

**2. Facilities Management Paint Spill - DEQ #317171 – Work Order N/A**

On January 31, 2025, a student, serving community service hours, cleaned painting tools and equipment in a wash area for Grounds. The wastewater entered a storm drain connected to an oil-water separator. The impacted stormwater system discharges to outfall MC\_0810 to Pollard Park which discharges to College Creek. The contaminated water in the oil-water separator was pumped out. No further remediation was required. No charges were incurred. No insurance claim was filed for this incident.

**3. Hunt Hall Sediment Laden Untreated Closed Hot Water Loop – DEQ #316101 – Work Order 393318 and 393496**

On October 21, 2024, corrosion caused hot water piping, which supports the closed loop heating system, to break. The area had to be excavated and pumped out, causing approximately 1,000 gallons of sediment laden water to enter a storm drain at outfall MC\_0810 at Pollard Park that discharges to College Creek. There were no known chemicals in the water as it was not being treated. The outfall was pumped to remove sediment from the spill and crews cleaned the stormwater gutters in the surrounding area. No further remediation was required for this event. No insurance claim was filed for this incident.

Description	Cost
Facilities Management Labor	\$ 6,346.50
Materials	\$ 47.75
Maintenance Contract (pending charges)	\$76,600.05
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$82,994.30</b>

#### 4. Commons Tennis Court Sediment Laden Potable Water – DEQ #315503 – Work Order N/A

On September 11, 2024, potable water with sediment was flowing from a backfilled excavation area. The cause was previous excavation work supporting the West Woods 1 construction project. A water main was damaged. Approximately 75,000 gallons of water and sediment flowed from the construction site down Ukrop Way and Wake Drive to stormwater drain outfall MC\_0610 near Randolph Complex and DuPont Hall. This outfall discharges to Tinkling Rill Creek which leads to Lake Matoaka. Vacuum trucks were used to remove sediment from roadways and sediment socks were placed at storm drains. No further remediation was required. There was no cost to the University for this remediation. No insurance claim was filed for this incident.

#### 5. Landrum Pump Station Sewage Spill – DEQ #315295 – Work Order 388028

On August 26, 2024, an electrical failure caused the Landrum Pump Station to fail. A bypass pump was utilized to manage the flow until repairs could be made. On August 28, 2024, the bypass pump failed causing a second overflow from the lift station. A total of approximately 11,000 gallons of sewage entered the Wildflower BMP from both events. This BMP leads to Tinkling Rill Creek which leads to Lake Matoaka. Impacts of the sewage spill resulted in recreational activities being suspended in Lake Matoaka from August 29 – September 4, 2024. All actions were coordinated with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Virginia Department of Health. The impacted Wildflower BMP was pumped out and dead fish were removed. No further remediation was required. Corrective action included replacing failed equipment, reconfiguring electrical supply in the pump station, changing grading outside of pump station to contain potential spills, installing a new alarm system, and monitoring water quality until Lake Matoaka could be reopened for recreational use. No further remediation was required. An insurance claim was filed for this incident.

Description	Cost
Facilities Management Labor	\$ 4,950.00
Materials	\$ 31.64
Maintenance Contract	\$60,183.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$65,164.64</b>