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TO@ William J. Byrne, Chairman
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FROM Robert L. Brice, Director
Cobb County Water System

SUBJECT: New Cobb County Wastewater (Sewer) Overflow Notification Process

This is to advise of the subject process which will soon generate public interest and questions. As a result of a new requirement of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, all publicly owned wastewater treatment works that discharge to the waters of the State, must provide information on sewer overflows to local media contacts within 24 hours of any overflow, and place signage at the location. This is a significant new initiative of an ongoing, comprehensive public education and awareness effort by the State.

The attached press releases, list of major local media contacts, and process for notification of this local media were prepared in consultation with the County Communications Office. The initial press release will be the full text version, issued by the Water System's Communications Coordinator. This will provide an explanation for the notification as well as attempt to put it in perspective. Subsequent overflow notice releases will be routinely issued by the Agency's 24 x 7 Dispatch Office. Agency staff, which may be required to respond to questions from the public regarding these notifications, will be trained and provided with appropriate responses to general questions and summary information regarding our System Maintenance Programs.

If you, or your assistants need any further information, please call me, Operations Manager, Frank Bockman (419-6281), or System Maintenance Division Manager, Ken Jacob (419-6359).

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CC Robert Quigley, Director of Communications, Cobb County
Frank Bockman, Manager of Operations, Cobb County Water System
Ken Jacob, Manager, System Maintenance, Cobb County Water System