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### **Stormwater/Wastewater Discharge in Owasco River**

On May 16 2022, the Cayuga County Health Department was notified by NYAlert, New York State's emergency notification system, that the City of Auburn has experienced 3 stormwater/wastewater discharges on May 16, 2022 due to excessive rain.

The report indicates that the first discharge occurred at 12 Wadsworth Street at 1:11 pm and lasted for approximately 19 minutes, releasing 646,390 gallons. The second discharge occurred at 20 Genesee Street at 1:12 pm and lasted for approximately 11 minutes, releasing 317,190 gallons. The third discharge occurred at 1 Miller Street at 1:12 pm and lasted for approximately 11 minutes, releasing 317,290 gallons.

Due to these discharges, partially treated wastewater has entered the Owasco River. Wastewater may contain disease causing pathogens and the Owasco River in the area of the discharge should be avoided. For more information, please visit New York State's NYAlert system at <https://alert.ny.gov>.

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