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In accordance with legislation passed by the Massachusetts State Legislature, M.G.L. c. 21, § 43A in January 2021 and signed Governor Baker, the City of Fall River is required to meet certain new reporting requirements of a new MASS Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) regulation **314 CMR 16.00 Notification Requirements to Promote Public Awareness of Sewage Pollution**.

The regulation requires the City to establish a plan to meet new reporting requirements and submit this plan to the MA DEP.

Beginning on **July 6, 2022**, the City will begin notifying media outlets and other interested parties each time one of our permitted Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) locations or a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) discharges untreated or partially treated wastewater into the Quequechan River, the Taunton River or into Mount Hope Bay.

The City of Fall River has been working diligently to remove all CSO discharges from our rivers and the bay and we have made great strides over the past 40 years. We continue to update our sewer collection system to reduce the number of discharges that occur each year.

If you have any questions or require further information, you can call the Sewer Office at 508 324-2320 or email sewer@fallriverma.org.