

EXHIBIT 3 CLEANUP EFFORTS AT PUMP STATION DURING 2005 STORM

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Photo of cleanup efforts at Alewife Brook Pump Station SSO caused by system overload and pumping of excess sewage onto the surface near Dilboy Field in Somerville .

SEWAGE BACKUP DELAY CAUSING A BIG STINK



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A 90-minute procedure to switch to emergency power at the Deer Island treatment plant is partly to blame for the raw sewage that spewed into Boston Harbor and bubbled up from pumping stations and manholes in several spots around Greater Boston Saturday.

"It's unacceptable to have a backup system that takes over an hour and you have this kind of discharge of raw sewage into our waterways in the meantime," said activist Chris Bathurst of Clean Water Action. "It's not like these things are unknown to happen."

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority workers decked out in hooded white hazardous material suits yesterday raked up foul-smelling leaves flecked with bits of toilet paper from the grass around the Alewife Brook pumping station in Somerville. The station overflowed into the brook during heavy rain Saturday.

"It's nasty stuff. It's all toilet paper and tampons and stuff," said one worker.

The constant rain had pushed the MWRA sewer system to full capacity when a power outage halted Deer Island's giant pumps. MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey said the agency had no choice but to dump roughly 25 million gallons of sewage into Quincy Bay as engineers went through the painstaking process of powering up the plant with