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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **SOUTH BEACH STREET SEWER RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS**

**Nantucket, MA, January 16, 2018** – Clean Harbors completed all surface decontamination on Monday, January 15. Crews are now focused on decontamination efforts on the subsurface utility vaults and conduits within the affected area. In the coming days we expect that crews will begin dewatering efforts to lower the ground water which will eventually lead to excavation of the site.

#### **Water Conservation Efforts:**

As the South Beach Street clean up and sewer reconstruction efforts continue, the Town of Nantucket requests that all residents connected to the Town sewer system restrict their water usage as much as possible. Limiting water usage helps to reduce the volume of wastewater that enters our system. While the sewer system is functioning and sewage is no longer being discharged into the Harbor (as of Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am), a bypass system is needed. Until a bypass system and eventual permanent repairs are completed, excessive flow associated with a winter storm flooding event could potentially result in another discharge to the harbor. Therefore, the public's assistance in lowering daily water usage is critical.

Ways in which the public can help reduce water usage include: reducing duration of showers; turn off water when washing hands and brushing teeth; using washing machines and dishwashers only when full; limiting washing machine and dishwasher use to off-peak hours of 11:00 pm – 5:00 am and 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

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More information can be found at [www.nantucket-ma.gov](http://www.nantucket-ma.gov) and Social Media: Twitter @TownofNantucket, Instagram @TownofNantucket. The Town of Nantucket maintains an Emergency Alert and Information Radio Channel at 105.5. NCTV18, WACK-97.7 and The Inquirer and Mirror will also broadcast alerts as needed.

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As a follow up to the ongoing petroleum release situation discovered during the sewer decontamination efforts, release abatement measures have served to mitigate the presence and extent of the petroleum product observed through the bulkhead on Easy Street into the Easy Street Basin. Containment boom and adsorbent pads are being properly maintained in place and their effectiveness monitored by on-site environmental contractors. Representatives from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (MassDEP) Emergency Response Division were present on-site today and will continue to provide oversight and guidance throughout the weekend to environmental contractors performing response actions. For further information, please contact the MassDEP Public Affairs Officer Mr. Edmund Coletta, at 617-292-5737.

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