

The following table conveys information on the performance of the County’s wastewater treatment facilities and conveyance system for any monthly exceedances of permit requirements that involve compliance with effluent limitations at the County’s five wastewater treatment plants or four CSO treatment facilities, or unpermitted overflow events in the separated sanitary or combined stormwater-sewer conveyance system.

NPDES Permit Exceedances (Reportable Events Subject to Potential Penalties) – Wastewater Treatment Facilities or Conveyance System													
Facility	2023									2024			
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Effluent Limitations Exceedances at Wastewater Treatment Facilities													
West Point													
South Plant										<i>a</i>			
Brightwater													
Vashon													
Carnation													
Effluent Limitations Exceedances at CSO Treatment Facilities													
Henderson/MLK CSO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*
Alki CSO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*
Carkeek CSO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		<i>b</i>		*	*
Elliott West CSO	*	*	*	*	*		*			<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	*
Conveyance System Overflow Events in Combined or Separated Basins													
West Section – Dry Weather Overflows at CSO Outfalls													
West Section – Sanitary Sewer Overflows													
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Notes:

Compliance goal for all events is “zero”, and all exceedances have potential to be assessed penalties.

	No ongoing non-compliance; or events with known cause and immediate correction.
	Ongoing compliance issue; but repairs/solution is known and underway for timely correction.
	Substantial ongoing compliance issue with ongoing corrective actions, or response and/or planning for corrective action is underway.
*	Monitoring period characterized by sufficiently low flow conditions that the CSO treatment facility did not operate with a discharge to the outfall at any time in the month.

**** West Point Bypass and Secondary Diversion Events:** Power disturbances at West Point contributed to a secondary diversion (i.e., unauthorized blending of primary and secondary treated flow) on January 9th, 2021 and a bypass of untreated wastewater from the emergency bypass outfall to Puget Sound during a large storm event on January 12-13 totaling about 11 million gallons. Ecology subsequently issued Administrative Order #19477 on February 2, 2021 that requires King County to plan for, and implement, power reliability strategies and improvements to minimize the potential for secondary diversions and bypasses. This footnote identifies and summarizes any bypass and secondary diversion events following the issuance of the administrative order.

- Summary of 2021 events: February 2, 2021 (secondary diversion, 3.5 million gallons over 39 min.); April 29, 2021 (untreated bypass, 900,000 gallons over 29 min.); Jun 13, 2021 (exacerbated secondary diversion while plant was at reduced capacity for scheduled construction work).
- Summary of 2022 events: June 7, 2022 (secondary diversion, 400,000 gallons over 109 min.).
- Summary of 2023 events: No unauthorized events.

a In responding to a number of factors during a large storm and high inflow event that occurred on December 5-6, 2022, operations at South Plant initiated a partial bypass of primary treated flow for about 6 hours and 40 min. Approximately 6.6 million gallons of primary treated wastewater blended with the secondary treated flow and all permit discharge limits were achieved.

b The Carkeek wet weather treatment station experienced a disinfection failure during a December 5-6, 2023 treatment event. The hypochlorite disinfection was not working intermittently during approximately 9 hours and 30 min. of the 27 event (i.e., 3.2 million gallons [MG] of the total 8.2 MG discharge). The failure was attributed to a faulty pressure relief valve failed, and operators responded and repaired the equipment following the event.

c Effluent limits were exceeded during the month. The design process for facility improvements is underway for Elliott West.