

## Millions to be spent to stop raw sewage overflows

Oct. 25 -- The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tenn., will spend between \$300 million and \$400 million to eliminate untreated raw sewage overflows under a settlement with the federal and state government.

It will upgrade its aging sewer system, which has been illegally discharging more than 200 million gallons of untreated sewage annually into the Cumberland River and its tributaries. Metro must address sanitary sewer overflows of raw sewage, which represents half of the total discharges, within the next two years and bring its combined sewer overflow system into compliance with water quality standards.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Justice, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Tennessee Attorney General's Office took action against Metro. A consent order detailing Metro's obligations under the agreement was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, Oct. 24.

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