

PRESS RELEASE

BYPASS OF UNTREATED WASTEWATER

The City of Henderson's Sewer Collection System bypassed approximately 968,000 gallons of untreated water starting May 7, 2018 due to a fallen tree and other debris dislodging the existing sanitary sewer on piers across the creek. This occurred on the Red Bud Outfall to the west of Tiny Broadwick Boulevard and Oxford Road (Hwy 158 Business). After locating the problem, pumps were set up to begin pumping the spill back into the sewer system and approximately 202,500 gallons of affected creek water was pumped back into the sanitary sewer system. Also hydrogen peroxide was added to the creek to help mitigate any negative environmental effects of the untreated water that entered the creek.

Upstream and downstream samples were taken to monitor the stream for oxygen levels and other measures; however, at this time there has been no indication of any fish kills or harmful effects to other wildlife. The State has been notified and they are investigating.

North Carolina General Statutes article 21 chapter 143.215.1c requires a press release for all bypasses of 1,000 gallons or more that enter surface waters.

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