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Press Release

Notification of Discharge of Untreated Wastewater

General Statute 143-215.1C requires that the owner or operator of any wastewater collection system or treatment works issue a press release when there is a discharge of more than 1,000 gallons of untreated wastewater or any volume of untreated wastewater discharge reaches surface waters.

The City of Kinston has experienced three untreated wastewater discharges related to high flows caused by Hurricane Debby. Please find below information on each discharge:

The City of Kinston had a discharge of untreated wastewater on Thursday, August 8, 2024 from a sewer pipe located along the Neuse River near Wake Avenue. The became aware of the discharge at approximately 8:30am. Pressures from high flow in the pipe associated with stormwater inflow damaged the pipe causing the pipe to collapse. Wastewater backed up behind the collapse and began discharging from multiple manholes. The overflow stopped at 11:08pm, when as water levels dropped and once bypass pumping was installed by the city. Further discharges are not expected, but additional rain is forecast today. The estimated volume of the spill is 1,398,442 gallons, which was discharged into the Neuse River floodway. Bypass pumping will remain in place until repairs can be made to the pipe.

The second discharge of untreated wastewater on Thursday, August 8, 2024 was from a manhole at the intersection of Greenmead Drive and Greenleaf Road. The sewer system experienced high flows due to extensive flooding in the Cunningham Road area. This discharge was found at 10:35am and ended 11:51pm after floodwaters receded. The discharge flowed into a tributary of the Adkin Branch stream at the end of Greenleaf Road. Estimated volume of this discharge is 40,500 gallons. No damages have been found yet, but city staff will be performing additional assessments to confirm the sewer system condition.

The third discharge of untreated wastewater on Thursday, August 8, 2024 was from a manhole at the intersection of Autumn Drive and Twinwood Drive. This is location also in the Cunningham Road area and was affected by the same extreme flooding. A sewer pump station that serves this location was inundated with floodwater entering the station from an adjacent ditch during the storm. The station continued to function, but was unable to keep up with the all the water entering the station. As of 6:00am this morning, there was still a small amount of discharge occurring. A volume will be estimated once the discharge stops.

For more information contact the Steve Miller, Public Services Director with the City of Kinston at 252-939-3282 or City of Kinston Public Information Officer Sharon Mervin at 252-939-3270.