



# Media Release

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## **Notification of Discharge of Untreated Sewage in Wake County**

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

In accordance with that regulation, the following news release has been prepared and issued to media in the affected county (ies):

The Town of Fuquay-Varina had a wastewater spill September 16, 2016 from a sewer force main located adjacent to 722 Cotton Brook Drive. An estimated 5,500 gallons of untreated wastewater spilled into an unnamed tributary to Kenneth Creek which is in the Cape Fear River Basin.

A structural failure of the pipe was contributed to this event. The affected area was immediately inspected and cleaned-up after the incident and no detrimental impact to the receiving stream or surrounding area was observed.

The Division of Water Resources was notified of the event on September 16, 2016 and is reviewing this matter. For additional information please contact Jay T. Meyers P.E., Director of Public Utilities (919) 567-3911.