



PRESS RELEASE

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Notification of Discharge of Untreated Wastewater

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 counties:

Burke County had a discharge of untreated wastewater on January 9, 2024, of an estimated 4,000 gallons at the Indian Hills Pump Station located at 2711 Indian Hills Circle, Hickory, NC. The spill began at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, and the overflow stopped at 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. The untreated wastewater was discharged into Drowning Creek in the Catawba River Basin.

NC Division of Environmental Quality was notified of the event on January 9th and is reviewing the matter. Several wastewater collection systems across the State were also likely impacted by this heavy rain event and Burke County is working with the NC Division of Environmental Quality to identify and resolve this issue.

For more information, contact Burke County General Services at 828-764-9062.