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Untreated Wastewater Released into Connecticut River

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) is notifying area residents and downstream communities that an equipment malfunction within its wastewater collection system resulted in the unintended release of a preliminary estimate of 90,000 gallons of untreated wastewater into the Connecticut River.

The Commission was notified Monday by its contracted wastewater operator, Suez Environmental Services, Inc., that the York Street Pump Station malfunctioned and released the wastewater into the Connecticut River. Suez operates and maintains the York Street Pump Station and Springfield Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility on behalf of the Commission. The release, which took place at an outfall structure at the end of West York Street, occurred at 7:20 AM and was resolved by 8 AM. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection were notified.

The Commission and Suez are investigating the cause of the failure and gathering details of the release. The incident was unrelated to ongoing construction of the new York Street Pump Station project, which will replace the adjacent 1939 York Street pump station.

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