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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOTIFICATION OF DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED WASTEWATER

Franklin County, January 5, 2022: *General Statute 143-215.1C requires 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, Franklin County Public Utilities experienced a discharge of untreated wastewater from the Youngsville Regional pump station in Youngsville. The discharge was a result of heavy rain and snow on January 3, 2022. The discharge started at 6:15 AM and continued until 11:45 AM. The discharge of wastewater was estimated to be 46,000 gallons and approximately 44,500 gallons entered into an unnamed tributary of Richland Creek which is a tributary of the Neuse River Basin. Franklin County Public Utilities staff was dispatched to the site and started clean up after the discharge stopped.

The Division of Water Quality was notified of this event on January 3, 2022 and is reviewing the matter. For additional information concerning this event, please contact Franklin County Public Utilities Department at (919) 556-6177. Additional information can be obtained by visiting Franklin County's website at www.franklincountync.us.

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