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## Heavy Rain and Inflow of Stormwater into Sewer System Causes Wastewater Bypass

**Franklinton, North Carolina August 12, 2017:** Franklin County Public Utilities experienced a bypass of untreated wastewater in the Franklinton District. The spill occurred after receiving heavy rainfall over the course of 2 hours. The main cause of the bypass is attributable to the direct inflow of stormwater into the sewer collection system. The spill in the Franklinton District (lift station off of Chavis Street) is estimated to have released 20,000 gallons.

Franklin County staff was notified of the spill by electronic monitoring equipment and appropriate staff responded to the incident. All operating equipment was found to be in working order but was unable to handle the inflow of stormwater.

As required by North Carolina State Law, the spill was reported to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality and is currently under review.

For additional information concerning this event, please contact Mike Bailes, Franklin County Public Utilities Interim Director at (919) 556-6177. Additional contact numbers can be obtained by visiting Franklin County's website at [www.franklincountync.us](http://www.franklincountync.us).

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