

PRESS RELEASE

Collapsed Sewer Main Causes Sewer Spill

Franklinton, November 16, 2016: Franklin County Public Utilities experienced a bypass of untreated wastewater from an eight-inch sewer main located on Taylor Street in Franklinton on Monday November 15, 2016. The spill resulted from the collapse of a terra cotta clay sewer pipe that had been partially encased in concrete. The discharge of wastewater from the sewer line is estimated to be 2000 gallons.

Franklin County Public Utilities staff investigated the matter and late Monday afternoon found the source of the issue. Repairs were made that same night and the pipeline was back operating normally by 8:00 pm.

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

For additional information concerning this event, please contact Bryce Mendenhall, Franklin County Public Utilities Director at (919) 556-6177. Additional contact numbers can be obtained by visiting Franklin County's website at www.franklincountync.us.