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PRESS RELEASE

Heavy Rain and Inflow of Stormwater into Sewer System Cause Wastewater Bypasses

Youngsville/Franklinton, February 24, 2016: Franklin County Public Utilities experienced bypasses of untreated wastewater from a main sewer line outfall located on Railroad Street in Youngsville and a pump station located on Chavis Street in Franklinton on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. The spills occurred after the area experienced severe weather receiving rainfall in excess of 2.0" in a short duration of time. The main cause of the bypasses is attributable to the direct inflow of stormwater into the sewer collection system. It is estimated that approximately 8,550 gallons of wastewater/rainwater entered an unnamed tributary of Richland Creek and 10,500 gallons of wastewater/rainwater entered an unnamed tributary of Cedar Creek.

Franklin County staff was notified of the spills by electronic monitoring equipment and appropriate staff responded to the incident. Operating equipment in Youngsville was found to be in working order but was unable to handle the inflow of stormwater. The Franklinton pump station experienced the temporary loss of one pump but crews were able to make necessary repairs and return the station back to full service.

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 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.

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