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# PRESS RELEASE

## Recent Thunderstorms Cause Wastewater Overflows within County System

**Franklin County, June 30, 2008:** Franklin County Public Utilities experienced bypasses of untreated wastewater from a pump station located in Franklinton and a manhole located near the intersection of Cedar Creek Road and Lane Store Road. The spills were the result of direct rainwater inflow from the Town of Franklinton's sewer system. Thunderstorms that were present in the area Sunday night and early Monday morning delivered 4.0+ inches of precipitation. The wastewater overflows were detected early Monday morning as staff conducted routine inspections of the facilities. It is estimated that 2000 gallons of wastewater was lost at the Franklinton pump station and an additional 1200 gallons was lost from the manhole on Cedar Creek Road. Crews have taken the necessary precautions to clean the affected areas from the overflows.

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.co.franklin.nc.us](http://www.co.franklin.nc.us).

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