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# PRESS RELEASE

## Split in Sewer Pipe Causes Discharge of Wastewater

**Youngsville, September 5, 2006:** Franklin County Public Utilities experienced a bypass of untreated wastewater from a force main located just north of Holden Road in Youngsville on Monday, September 04, 2006. The spill resulted from an apparent crack in an eight (8") PVC sewer force main that serves the pump station on Holden Road. Although we are uncertain of exactly when the leak began, it is believed that the spill may have begun sometime on Saturday, September 2, 2006 and discharged approximately 51,000 gallons of wastewater into Richland Creek which is a tributary of the Neuse River Basin. The potential for a leak was found by Franklin County WWTP staff during normal procedural checks on the morning of the incident. Appropriate staff was notified to respond and the repair was completed by late Monday afternoon. Public Utilities staff also flushed the affected area of Richland's Creek with potable water from Franklin County's water system.

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

For additional information concerning this event, please contact Bryce Mendenhall, Franklin County Public Utilities Director at (919) 494-5415. 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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