



MEDIA RELEASE

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ADVISORY: Sewer line break on Coneross Creek

SENECA, S.C. – The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (OJRSA) completed a repair to a broken 18-inch pipe near Cross Creek Plantation in Oconee County late Monday evening. It is estimated that 145,000 gallons of wastewater entered Coneross Creek before the pipe was repaired.

The OJRSA was able to recover approximately 50,000 gallons of released wastewater and hauled it to the Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility for treatment.

Tugaloo Pipeline assisted the OJRSA with the restoration.

The OJRSA has notified the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES), formally known as the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), of the incident and stream samples will be collected for analysis. Signs will be posted alerting those in the vicinity to avoid the area and will remain in place until SCDES approves the removal of the advisory. People and pets should avoid contact with Coneross Creek between Return Church Road and S.C. Highway 59 until further notice.

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About the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority:

The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (OJRSA) is a governmental agency providing wastewater treatment service to the cities of Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, the town of West Union and the southern portion of Oconee County. Learn more about the agency at www.ojrsa.org.