



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### ***ADVISORY: Sewer line break on Ridgeview Drive near Seneca***

SENECA, S.C. – An Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (OJRSA) wastewater force main broke on Ridgeview Drive near Seneca during the winter storm on the night of Saturday, January 31. Agency staff responded and were able to divert flow from the upstream pump station into a three million gallon holding tank until the permanent repair can be made on Monday. It is estimated that 25,500 gallons of wastewater was released during the event with most of it reaching Martin Creek.

The OJRSA has notified the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) 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 Martin Creek east of Wells Highway 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](http://www.ojrsa.org).