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Update on sewer line break on Ridgeview Drive near Seneca

SENECA, S.C. – The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (OJRSA) has completed the repair of the 14-inch wastewater force main on Ridgeview Drive near Seneca that ruptured during the winter storm on the night of Saturday, January 31.

Staff members remain on site cleaning up the spill and will be there periodically during the week restoring the impacted area. Because OJRSA relies on contracted services for road repairs, asphalt placement will occur once the contractor's schedule is confirmed. Drivers and pedestrians should continue taking necessary precautions around the work zone.

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) is aware of the incident and stream samples have been collected for analysis. Results from the initial evaluation are expected late Tuesday afternoon. Monitoring will continue until the stream returns to normal conditions.

The water quality advisory for Martin Creek will remain in effect until SCDES approves the removal of the notice. Signs have also been posted in the vicinity. People and pets should continue to 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.