



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Notification of Discharge of Untreated Wastewater**

General Statute 143-215.1C requires that the owner or operator of any wastewater collection or treatment works to issue a press release when an untreated wastewater discharge of 1,000 gallons or more reaches surface waters.

In accordance with that regulation, the following news release has been prepared and issued to media in the affected county:

The Town of Robbins had a discharge of untreated wastewater on Sunday, September 16, 2018 of an estimated 6,000 gallons at the Shields Woods Pump Station, located at the intersection of Middleton street and Stutts Drive. The untreated wastewater was discharged into an unnamed creek in the Cape Fear River Basin.

The incident began at 11:00AM and the response is ongoing. There was a power failure at the lift station due to the nearby electrical damage associated with Hurricane Florence. Staff are continuing its emergency response to minimize and top the overflow. The spill was reported to state agencies at 7:35 PM. Power service still has not been restored to the lift station.

Due to the heavy rain volume, the bulk of the overflow is believed to be storm water.

## **Middleton Street and Plank Road Flooding**

South Middleton Street and Old Plank Road are experiencing flooding. These roads are closed and drivers are advised not to attempt to cross this road. Access to Robbins can be achieved via N.C. Highway 705 South and North Moore Road. Please exercise caution on N.C. 705 S near Bear Creek as water levels have risen considerably.

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