

PRESS RELEASE

Heavy rainfall causes multiple wastewater spills.

Youngsville, February 6, 2010: Franklin County Public Utilities experienced two wastewater spills in the surrounding area on February 5, 2010. Both of the spills were directly related to the rainfall received on Friday coupled with the additional melting of snow remaining in the area. Precipitation totals for the event were estimated to be near 2" total. An estimated 10,725 gallons of untreated wastewater was lost during the event.

The first spill was reported at the Franklinton Pump Station and resulted in a bypass of approximately 3,150 gallons. The second spill, which occurred near the intersection of Cedar Creek Rd/Lane Store Road, discharged approximately 7,575 gallons.

Franklin County Public Utilities staff remained in place to monitor these sites during the rainfall event. Necessary adjustments to the collection system were performed and clean up efforts have commenced.

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.

For additional information concerning this event, please contact Bryce Mendenhall, Franklin County Public Utilities Director at (919) 556-6177 or bmendenhall@franklincountync.us. Additional contact numbers can be obtained by visiting Franklin County's website at www.franklincountync.us.