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WATER QUALITY ADVISORY: Sanitary sewer overflow reported in Powdersville area

Powdersville, S.C. (July 6, 2021) — ReWa crews have restored operations that lead to a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) near a pump station rehabilitation project in the area. The SSO ended early Tuesday morning, officials said.

Further investigation has noted the presence of some affected wildlife in Craven's Creek and officials have consulted with both the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) to report the SSO and request an investigation to determine the overall impact to area fish. The creek is a tributary of the Saluda River.

ReWa is also reviewing the incident with Harper Construction, the contractor overseeing the pump station improvement project.

Preliminary estimates indicate the SSO could be in excess of 450,000 gallons, but officials are continuing to investigate to determine the final amount. Caution signs have been posted near Craven's Creek and other affected areas until samples can be collected and analyzed to further assess potential water quality challenges.

Following resolution of the SSO, creek restoration efforts began to ensure the environmental integrity of the surrounding areas.

This event will NOT affect ReWa's ability to provide sewer service to the area and will also NOT affect the drinking water. However, swimming and fishing near the affected water body is prohibited until a final investigation is completed by ReWa and regulatory officials. ReWa will continue to post updates regarding progress and new details as they become available.

For additional information, please contact our hotline at 864-299- 4004. Any updates will be posted to www.ReWaonline.org.

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