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### State agency responding to Randleman wastewater spill

**RALEIGH** – State environmental officials are responding to a reported wastewater spill caused by a ruptured force main near the Randleman Wastewater Treatment Plant in Randolph County.

City officials say the spill has been contained, and the spilled sewage is being pumped and carried to the wastewater treatment plant in tanker trucks while the line is being repaired. The city estimates 250,000 gallons of untreated sewage flowed into the Deep River as a result of the burst pipe.

“The good news is that the spill has been contained, repairs are being made and there have not been any reported impacts to fish or downstream drinking water supplies,” said Tom Reeder, assistant secretary for the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources. “We will continue to work with Randleman officials and provide guidance and support to ensure we are doing everything possible to protect public health and the environment.”

Reeder said state officials are requiring the city to collect water samples near the spill to determine if there are any water quality impacts. DENR staff members have contacted the two closest downstream water systems along the Deep River – Pilgrim’s Pride Water System and the city of Sanford – to alert them to the spill. Thus far, the systems say they have not experienced any impacts to water quality. Pilgrim’s Pride, which is the closest public water system to the spill, is 70 miles downstream. Sanford is 90 miles downstream. All public water systems are required by law to treat any water so it meets federal drinking water requirements before it is distributed to customers.

Industries in the town of Randleman have shut down until repairs are completed to reduce the flow of wastewater to the area where the rupture occurred.

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