



UNION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

News Release

Grease Causes Sanitary Sewer to Overflow

February 4, 2010, Monroe, NC – A wastewater spill occurred in the Union County wastewater system on Wednesday. The spill was not large enough to cause immediate danger to human health or the environment.

A sanitary sewer overflow occurred off Sidney Court in the Melrose Place subdivision, with a portion of the overflow entering an unnamed tributary to 12 Mile Creek. The spill started at approximately 3:30 p.m. and lasted until 4:30 p.m. This sewer overflow was the result of improper grease disposal creating an accumulation of grease in the manhole causing wastewater to back up in the system.

Union County has an ongoing program to identify and educate grease contributors and reduce the effects of improper grease disposal within the wastewater system. The overflow has been reported to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality. For additional information, contact the Union County Public Works Department at 704-296-4210.

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