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Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority condition update

SENECA, S.C. – The following is an update as of 4:30 pm Tuesday, October 1 for operations and conditions regarding the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (OJRSA):

- **The following advisories and requests shall continue to remain in place for the foreseeable future:**
 - **People and pets should avoid contact with all creeks and waterbodies in the area due to potential wastewater contamination or other environmental hazards.** The OJRSA and South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (formerly the Department of Health and Environmental Control) will continue to monitor the situation to determine when this advisory can be repealed.
 - **If customers observe a possible overflow of wastewater from a manhole or other vault, they should avoid the area and notify the OJRSA by calling 864-972-3900.**
- The Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility continues to operate in normal status and is treating wastewater at a rate of 2,400 gallons per minute (3.5 million gallons per day), which includes the treatment of stored flow. This rate is approaching the level of the average daily flow treated at the plant.
- We estimate that 50-60% of the sewer easements were inspected today and there were no signs of any broken pipelines or overflows. We estimate that over 200 downed trees were observed on the easements that will need to be removed during the coming weeks. These inspections will continue on Wednesday.
- The Cryovac Pump Station, located west of Seneca, is the only station remaining on generator power. All other stations are now on utility power and operating normally.
- The OJRSA has remained in contact with the Department of Environmental Services throughout the emergency. We expect to have an estimate of the untreated wastewater released during the Act of God event on Wednesday (if so, this will be included in tomorrow's update).

About the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority:

The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (OJRSA) is a governmental agency providing wastewater treatment service to the cities of Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, the town of West Union and their surrounding areas. Learn more at www.ojrsa.org.

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