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HRSD Advises Caution When Walking Through Floodwaters

The flooding caused by extended heavy rain and high tides can do more than close roads and schools. The stormwater can also seep into the sanitary sewer system, creating high flows in pipelines and at pump stations. Untreated sewage can overflow from manholes in flooded areas, which means the floodwaters can be contaminated. HRSD urges residents to take precautions such as wearing boots when walking through floodwaters, and to avoid recreational contact with creeks, ponds and rivers that may receive contaminated stormwater.

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HRSD, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, was created by public referendum in 1940 and currently serves 17 cities and counties in southeast Virginia, an area with a population of 1.7 million. Our Mission: We protect public health and the waters of Hampton Roads by treating wastewater effectively.