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Hurricane Matthew Challenges HRSD Facilities

Virginia Beach, Va.—The flooding that has closed streets throughout Hampton Roads also has sent extraordinary amounts of storm water into the sanitary sewer system, creating multiple challenges for the staff that operate the pipelines, pump stations and treatment plants.

HRSD crews are at the site of a pipeline failure near the intersection of Laskin Road and Red Robin Road. Conditions have made it difficult to assess the scope of the repair to be performed or the amount of flow that has reached Linkhorn Bay. Contractors are mobilizing to begin the repair as soon as it can be safely started.

High flows have triggered the use of an alternate outfall at HRSD's Virginia Initiative Plant in Norfolk. The plant, which receives an average flow of 33 million gallons per day, has been fully treating an estimated 90 million gallons per day since Saturday. In addition, an undetermined volume of these highly diluted flows has been diverted to the alternate outfall for disinfection only before discharge to the Elizabeth River. This action was taken to limit overflows from manholes in local neighborhoods.

HRSD advises residents to avoid contact with the Elizabeth River near Lamberts Point and Linkhorn Bay.

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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.