



## Media Release

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### **CONTRACTOR DAMAGES TANK AT NORFOLK TREATMENT PLANT**

–Residents Advised to Avoid Contact with Elizabeth River Water near Lamberts Point–

**NORFOLK** - A contractor working this afternoon at HRSD's Virginia Initiative Plant, located in Norfolk, damaged the drain of a large tank filled with partially treated wastewater. The contents of the tank that could not be recovered leaked into the Elizabeth River near Lamberts Point. As a precaution, residents may wish to avoid contact with the water in the Elizabeth River from Lamberts Point to the Lafayette River for approximately 24 hours.

The treatment process was not affected, and the plant is continuing to treat all incoming flows. Four similar tanks are available for service while the damaged drain is repaired. HRSD promptly notified the Department of Environmental Quality of the spill.

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Our Mission: Future generations will inherit clean waterways and be able to keep them clean.*