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Press Release

City of Three Rivers Partially Treated Sewage Release

Scale Error Causes Chemical Shortage

Three Rivers, MI, January 5, 2016: On December 31st, 2015, at 10:50 PM, the City of Three Rivers ran out of chlorine. This chemical is used to disinfect the final effluent prior to discharge. A scale calibration error lead Wastewater Treatment Plant Staff to believe that there was an adequate amount of chlorine available for the extended holiday weekend. Staff obtained and analyzed samples from above and below the outfall to determine impact, if any, on the St. Joseph River water quality. A chlorine shipment was received on Monday, January 4th, 2016. Chlorine dosing began immediately and the plant returned to normal operations. Wastewater Treatment Plant staff made the required notifications to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Branch-Hillsdale -St. Joseph County Health Department for this event.

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