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# PRESS RELEASE

## Electrical Issues Cause Wastewater Bypass

**Youngsville, January 30, 2012:** Franklin County Public Utilities experienced a bypass of untreated wastewater from a pump station located on Holden Road in Youngsville on Saturday, January 28, 2012. The spill resulted from the electrical failure of a pump in the station which subsequently shut down all power phases that support normal operations. Although it is uncertain exactly when the issue began, it is believed the incident initiated in the early hours of Saturday, January 28, 2012 and discharged approximately 12,600 gallons of wastewater into Richland Creek, a tributary of the Neuse River Basin. The incident was found by Franklin County WWTP staff during normal procedural checks on the morning of the incident. Appropriate staff was notified to respond and the repair was completed by mid-morning. Public Utilities staff also flushed the affected area of Richland's Creek with potable water from Franklin County's water system.

As required by North Carolina State Law, the spill was reported to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality via the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and is currently under review.

For additional information concerning this event, please contact Bryce Mendenhall, Franklin County Public Utilities Director at (919) 556-6177. Additional contact numbers can be obtained by visiting Franklin County's website at [www.franklincountync.us](http://www.franklincountync.us).

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