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Notification of Discharge of Untreated Wastewater

(Lincolnton) The Lincoln County Health Director issued a Water Activity Advisory at 2:30 pm Monday, November 13, 2023, for a sewage spill in a tributary of Johnson Creek near Mountainridge Dr. in Stanley. Approximately 200 gallons of untreated sewage may have leaked into an unnamed tributary of Johnson Creek. A Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) occurred due to breakers being tripped and the pumps not running. Crews were able to get the pumps running and stop the overflow. A pumper truck vacuumed the excess and lime was applied to the area. The Killian Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant is taking water samples and putting out signs. Results will be forwarded to the County Public Utilities Department who will notify the Health Department. The public can resume water activities in this area when samples indicate fecal coliform counts are at an acceptable risk level per state guidelines from the NC Department of Environmental Quality.