



News Release

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This is to serve as official notification that the Westchester County Department of Health has been notified by the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities that partially treated sewage will be released into the Hudson River at River Street in Sleepy Hollow because of a break in a force main connected to the Tarrytown Sewer Pump Station. Due to this event, there is a probable environmental impact to the surrounding waters. Contact with the sewage is a potential public health threat, so residents are advised to avoid recreational activities in the Hudson River, from Peekskill to Yonkers until further notice. The Department of Environmental Facilities is working to repair the section of the 30-inch concrete pipe. Updates will be made as they become available.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ISSUES ADVISORY FOR HUDSON RIVER RECREATION DUE TO FORCE MAIN BREAK REPAIR

(White Plains, NY) – The Westchester County Department of Health (DOH) has been notified by the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) regarding an ongoing force main break repair at the Tarrytown Sewer Pump Station. As a result of this incident, partially treated sewage will be discharged into the Hudson River at River Street in Sleepy Hollow, potentially causing an environmental impact to the surrounding waters.

Earlier today, DEF was contacted by the village of Tarrytown and staff was immediately sent for a sight inspection. Following that inspection, ELQ, the County's emergency contractor, was called in to make repairs. The Department of Environmental Facilities is diligently working to repair the section of a 30-inch force main break. The repair is anticipated begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 10 and anticipated to be completed by tomorrow morning Tuesday, July 11. Westchester County will provide updates as they become available.

In the interest of public safety, the Westchester County Department of Health advises all recreational boaters and swimmers to refrain from activities that involve contact with the Hudson River, from Peekskill to Yonkers, starting tonight until further notice.

The County Health Department is closely monitoring the situation and will conduct water sampling once the repairs have been finalized. The samples will undergo a comprehensive evaluation, and based on the results, the Health Department will determine when it is appropriate to lift the advisory.

For further information and updates on this situation, please visit <https://health.westchestergov.com>.

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