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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: FORCE MAIN DAMAGED
Edgewater Drive Phase 2 Improvements

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (April 21, 2015) – This morning, a contractor performing pile driving near the East Spring Lake Bridge in relation to the Edgewater Drive Phase 2 Improvements Project damaged a 10” force main that caused a wastewater spill into the Spring Lake waterway.

The contractor isolated the force main immediately. Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) crews responded to the emergency and shut down all necessary valves and the lift station to help isolate the damage. Sewer service to the area is being maintained through the use of three tankers to truck out sewage from the lift station.

CCU staff has requested Florida Department of Environmental Protection approval to use the new directional bore force main already in place under the waterway, which would temporarily be connected to the original force main on both sides of the waterway. This portion of the system will be pressure tested once the situation is stabilized.

CCU staff is taking upstream and downstream water samples to help determine the impact of the spill and will prepare a DEP report.

As far as CCU is aware, no interruption in service was experienced by customers. More information about GoEP2 is available at www.GoEP2.com. Questions can be directed to Info@GoEP2.com or by calling 941-62-GO-EP2 (941-624-6372).

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