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City Responding to Spill Incident at Hall Street Wastewater Treatment Facility

CONCORD, NH — The City of Concord is actively responding to an incident from early this morning of a spill in the chlorine building of the Hall Street Wastewater Treatment Facility. A valve failed and released approximately 4,000 gallons of a solution that is 15% sodium hypochlorite and 85% water. Common household laundry bleach is typically a 5.25% sodium hypochlorite solution. The spill was instantly contained by protective barriers in place inside of the building. An estimated half to 1.5 gallons of the solution did extend beyond the protective barrier to the perimeter of the building and was immediately contained. The Hall Street Wastewater Treatment Facility typically uses 150 gallons daily to disinfect wastewater effluent before being discharged into the Merrimack River.

An employee was splashed during the spill, but was not seriously injured. The employee was wearing protective gear during the incident and did seek a medical evaluation.

Concord Fire Department responded to the incident around 9 a.m. this morning.

The City immediately secured a licensed contractor to clean-up the spill and have a tanker truck transport and dispose the solution off-site. The New Hampshire



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Department of Environmental Services was notified to ensure all regulations are followed and safety precautions are in place for the proper collection and disposal of materials.

“This is an unfortunate isolated incident that has been contained,” stated Chip Chesley, Director of Concord General Services. “The City is working to resolve this as soon as possible.”

