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**Town of Colonial Beach Provides Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Incident**

Colonial Beach, VA — The Town of Colonial Beach reports that a wastewater overflow incident occurred at the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) at approximately 3:30 a.m. on March 23, 2026, in the digester tank area. A pump was not deactivated as intended, resulting in an overflow of less than 5,000 gallons onto the ground within the immediate area of the facility.

The overflow was contained on-site and did not leave the wastewater treatment plant. There is no risk to the public, nearby waterways, or surrounding areas.

Town staff, in coordination with Inboden Environmental Services (IES), responded promptly to the incident. The affected area was cleaned, all free-standing liquid was removed, and lime was applied. Additional stabilization measures, including the application of straw and seed, were implemented.

An internal review determined the incident resulted from operator error. Appropriate corrective action has been taken, and the individual involved is no longer employed.

There was no impact to public drinking water, and the incident remained fully contained within the treatment plant site.

The Town of Colonial Beach remains committed to maintaining safe, reliable, and compliant operations and will continue to reinforce procedures and oversight to prevent a recurrence.