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BJWSA responds to wastewater release off Argent Boulevard

(Okatie, South Carolina) – July 8, 2025 – Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority (BJWSA) reports that approximately 25,000 gallons of wastewater were released near 287 Argent Blvd., in Hardeeville due to a malfunctioning air release valve.

The exact start time of the overflow is unknown, but it was discovered on July 7 during a routine inspection of a utility right-of-way. BJWSA crews responded immediately to stop the discharge, which flowed toward The Great Swamp. The overflow was fully contained by 4 p.m.

Cleanup and recovery of the standing wastewater is ongoing. BJWSA has posted signs in the affected area to inform the public.

BJWSA has notified the S.C. Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) and is working in conjunction with SCDES to address any effects caused by the overflow.

BJWSA has well-trained and experienced field operations crews to monitor our wastewater collection system, which delivers an average of 10 million gallons of wastewater daily to eight wastewater treatment facilities for treatment and disposal.

If you see or suspect any type of spill from the sewer collection system, please contact BJWSA at 843-987-9200.

For more information, please visit www.bjwsa.org.

About Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority

BJWSA is the Southern Lowcountry's largest water and wastewater utility, serving approximately 200,000 Carolinians through 69,000 connections. The public, non-profit organization is led by a board of directors recommended by the Beaufort and Jasper County Legislative Delegations and appointed by the Governor of South Carolina. The mission of the utility is to deliver quality water and wastewater services to current and future residents of the utility's 750 square mile service area.

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