

CITY OF THE DALLES
Department of Public Works
1215 West 1st Street
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PRESS RELEASE

DATE: August 10, 2019

TOPIC: Wastewater Treatment Plant Flooded During Extreme Rain Event

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FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY

The City of The Dalles Wastewater Treatment Plant was flooded during an extreme rain event late in the evening of August 9, 2019. The disinfection system was damaged due to flooding and was offline for six hours until early in the morning of August 10, 2019. Emergency repairs have been successful and the disinfection system is operating normally at this time.

Samples are being taken at the point of discharge and at recreational beaches on the Oregon side of the Columbia River. Test results to determine *E. coli* levels will be available 24 hours after sampling.

An updated press release will be sent when test results are available.

Signs have been placed at locations of public river access on the Oregon shore of the Columbia River, from The Dalles Riverfront Park to West Mayer Park boat launch. The signs say: "Warning - Contaminated Water - No water contact" and gives phone numbers to call for information.

The Department is in communication with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and local health department officials to coordinate response. Questions can be directed to the Public Works Department office during weekday office hours 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at (541) 296-5401.

For updates go to the City website thedalles.org

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