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TOPIC: Wastewater Treatment Plant Upset

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The City of The Dalles Wastewater Treatment Plant experienced an upset this morning which resulted in discharge of effluent that was incompletely disinfected. The upset occurred when one of the plant's two UV systems unexpectedly shut down for a period of 2 hours and 2 minutes. The shutdown resulted in the discharge of 181,642 gallons of effluent that may have lacked complete disinfection. At present, adjustments at the plant have been made and all wastewater is receiving full treatment.

The plant contract operator, CH2M, has contacted the manufacturer of the UV disinfection system and requested assistance in diagnosis and repair of the system.

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 at (541) 296-5401.