Press Release Format

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In accordance with that regulation, the following news release has been prepared and issued to media in the affected county:

The (Utility, Municipality, District, etc.) had a discharge of untreated wastewater on (date) of an estimated (amount) gallons at (location). The untreated wastewater was discharged into (creek, river, unnamed tributary) in the (Name) River Basin.

The Division of Water Resources was notified of the event on (date) and is reviewing the matter. For more information contact (Utility, Municipality, District, etc.) at (Phone Number).

Example Press Release:

Notification of Discharge of Untreated Wastewater
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In accordance with that regulation, the following news release has been prepared and issued to media in the affected county (ies):

The Town of Greenwood Valley had a discharge of untreated wastewater on July 1, 2014 of an estimated 15,000 gallons at Pump Station # 1, located near the intersection of First Street and Broadway Boulevard. The untreated wastewater was discharged into Turner’s Creek in the Savannah River Basin.

The Division of Water Resources was notified of the event on July 1, 2014 and is reviewing the matter. For more information contact the Town of Greenwood Valley at (754) 833-9276.