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USIBWC COMMISSIONER PUSHES MEXICO TO EXPEDITE PIPELINE REPAIRS, KEEP SEWAGE OUT OF TIJUANA RIVER

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) reports the following update regarding Mexico's repair of a collapse in the Parallel Gravity Line in Tijuana:

USIBWC Commissioner Chad McIntosh contacted Commissioner Adriana Reséndez of the Mexican IBWC Section (CILA) to request a 24/7 effort on the repairs and demanded Mexico do everything possible to keep wastewater out of the Tijuana River.

CILA on Friday night informed USIBWC of a collapse in the Parallel Gravity Line that conveys sewage in Tijuana to the San Antonio de los Buenos wastewater treatment plant on the Mexican coast.

Mexico shut down several pumps along the border so crews could make emergency repairs, which are expected to take several days.

USIBWC has requested these repairs be expedited, and Mexico says it's working on several fronts to try to get the job done sooner.

Replacement piping arrived at the job site Saturday night.

Flows are high at the USIBWC canyon collectors on the border but no problems have been reported.

These collectors intercept and divert dry-weather transboundary flows and sewage originating from Mexico to the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Area residents may notice increased wastewater flows in the Tijuana River Channel along with stronger odors.

This is the second time in about two weeks Mexico has had to respond to a rupture in the 10-mile line, which is being rehabilitated as part of the 100% solution Mexico and the United States agreed to and signed last year.

The South Bay plant is operating normally.



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