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USIBWC RESPONDS TO ANOTHER BREAK IN TIJUANA'S PARALLEL GRAVITY LINE

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) reports the following regarding the Tijuana River pollution crisis:

The Mexican Section of the IBWC has informed USIBWC of a collapse in the Parallel Gravity Line that conveys wastewater in Tijuana.

The exact reason for last night's collapse is unknown, but Mexico has shut down several pumps along the border so crews can make repairs.

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

USIBWC is monitoring expected flows, sediment, and trash in the canyon collectors and is ready to respond as needed.

The USIBWC is coordinating closely with Mexican water authorities and insisting Mexico make immediate repairs to bring all suspended pumps back online as quickly as possible.

The South Bay plant is operating normally.

Mexico had to make emergency repairs on a leak in the Parallel Gravity Line earlier this month.



Photos courtesy of Mexican Section of the IBWC

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