

Town of Morehead City
Utilities Department
Sewage Collection and Wastewater Treatment Report
For 2009

On July 21, 1999, North Carolina Governor James Hunt signed a law that placed new reporting requirements on the owners or operators of wastewater treatment and wastewater collection facilities in North Carolina. Part of this new legislation is a requirement to provide the users or customers of the system with an annual report of the past year's performance including a summary of wastewater spills.

The purpose of these reports is to provide an understandable and informative description of the wastewater treatment facility and collection system, describe the regulations with which these facilities must comply, and promote a general awareness of these facilities and their role in protecting the environment.

INTRODUCTION

The Town of Morehead City operates one Wastewater Treatment Plant and a sewage collection system that collects and transports the sewage to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The names and permit information for these facilities are listed below as well as those professionals designated by the State of North Carolina as Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC).

Morehead City Wastewater Treatment Plant

1000 Treatment Plant Road
Morehead City, NC
Phone (252) 726-6237
NDPES Permit # NC0026611
Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) – Carl Dangerfield

Sewage Collection System

2506 Ferabee Street
Morehead City, NC
Phone (252) 727-7171
Collection System Permit # WQCS00100
Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) – Daniel Williams

This report is being provided to meet the requirements of North Carolina Law (HB 1160). Copies will be available at the Municipal office building (Town Hall) at 706 Arendell Street and will be published on the Town of Morehead City website www.moreheadcity.nc.gov.

Customers will also be notified of the availability of this report by ads in the Carteret County News Times.

During 2008 the Town of Morehead City placed in operation a new state-of-the-art 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD) Reuse Quality Tertiary Wastewater Treatment Plant. Wastewater treatment consists of bar screens, aerated grit removal, oxidation ditch biological treatment, secondary clarifiers, post aeration and ultraviolet light disinfection. The biosolids produced at the new plant will be treated in a biosolids treatment system to Class A standards. Once the biosolids facility is fully operational, biosolids produced at the new facility will be available for use by local persons as an agricultural supplement. The new Wastewater Plant began meeting its discharge limitations immediately. The Town also maintains approximately 79 miles of sewer lines throughout the Town.

During 2009 Morehead City's Wastewater Treatment Plant treated approximately 450 million gallons of wastewater without exceeding its wastewater treatment discharge limitations. The Town of Morehead City had one (1) reportable spill or overflow from the sewer collection system during 2009. On March 30th, 2009 a small hole was discovered in the force main from Lift Station # 3 at 813 Shepard Street.

Approximately 80 gallons of untreated wastewater leaked out of the pipe and into a storm drain before the leak was repaired and cleaned up.

Most sewer main blockages and resulting overflows of raw sewage are a result of grease being discharged into the Towns sewer collection system. The Town continues to monitor and inspect restaurants that are required to have grease traps, as well as encouraging customers to dispose of grease with their household solid waste and not down the drain.

Customers can assist the Town in the operation of the sewer collection system by:

- Making sure rain gutters are not tied into the sewer collection system.
- Contacting the Town when sewer piping is broken and allowing rainwater into the sewer collection system.
- Disposing of grease and oil from cooking with their household solid waste and not pouring it down the drain.

I certify under penalty of law that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this report has been made available to the users or customers of the Town of Morehead City and that those customers have been notified of its availability.

R. Randy Martin
Morehead City Manager