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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Breakdown in sewage system

(Kahnawake – 15, Ohiarihkó:wa/July 2010) The Public Works Unit of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to inform all Kahnawa'kehró:non that a major component of the sewage treatment process has broken down, which has caused interruption in the treatment process.

To deal with the problem, the Water & Sewer Team had to utilize a bypass valve. This means that the sewage will temporarily bypass the Sewage Treatment Plant and exit directly into the St. Lawrence River untreated.

The Community is asked to be cautious when using the river for recreational activities, heading downstream (east) from the St. Laurent Train Bridge (black bridge), where the outfall pipe is located.

Repairs will take place as soon as possible and the Community will be informed upon their completion. The Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office and Community Health Representatives of Kahnawà:ke Shakotiia'takehnhas Community Services have been notified and are monitoring the situation.

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA

Please mention periodically until further notice. For further information on this release, contact Gene Diabo at 450-632-7500, ext. 2254