



The Ocean County Utilities Authority

Helping to Preserve the Water Resources of Ocean and Southern Monmouth Counties in the State of New Jersey

EMERGENCY OUTFALL PIPELINE REPAIRS COMPLETE

November 30, 2018 – While conducting routine and periodic pipeline assessment testing on October 9, 2018, Ocean County Utilities Authority detected a leak on its 54-inch diameter treated secondary effluent outfall pipeline within Barnegat Bay. The pipeline conveys treated secondary effluent from the Central Water Pollution Control Facility in Bayville to the Authority's Atlantic Ocean effluent outfall approximately 5,000 feet offshore of South Seaside Park.

The Authority immediately reported the test findings to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and without delay commenced a plan for repair by contacting an experienced marine contractor to confirm the leak location and initiate repairs. On October 17, 2018, the leak location was confirmed at approximately 1,200 feet east of Allen Road in Bayville, Berkeley Township. The contractor, Caldwell Marine International, LLC, mobilized equipment to the repair site on October 29, 2018. Repair measures stopped the leak as of November 20, 2018. Today, November 30, 2018, the final repair process was completed successfully. Moving forward, the Authority plans more frequent pipeline testing as well as a formal evaluation of long-term pipeline management options.