

St. Petersburg surpasses Valdosta

December 26, 2018



At this rate, St. Pete may soon need more warning signs.

St. Petersburg is in the news again today. Not only did their water treatment plant control system malfunction, the alarms failed to perform as designed, allowing a spill of nearly ten thousand gallons.

So now when Florida calls out Valdosta with complaints about

sewage spills, Valdosta has only to point a smelly finger at St. Pete, which has a worse smell.

Too many malfunctions.

The following notice comes from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Comments by OSFR historian Jim Tatum.

-A river is like a life: once taken, it cannot be brought back-

Pursuant to Section 403.077, F.S., the Department of Environmental Protection has received the following Public Notice of Pollution for a reportable release.

All information displayed was submitted by the reporting party.

Type of Notice: Initial Report

Date of Notice: 12/26/2018

Incident Information

Name of Incident: St. Petersburg Master Reuse – 3800 54th Ave S

State Watch Office Case Number: 20187948

Start of Incident: 12/26/2018 11:10

End of Incident: 12/26/2018 11:30

Incident Description

Computer control system malfunction occurred at the Southwest Water Reclamation Facility which caused the backwash pump not to operate as required. Failure also did not set off appropriate alarms. Resulted in a spill of 9,350 gallons of reclaimed water that was discharged onto the plant grounds. The reclaimed water was contained on site. No stormwater or surface water were impacted. City crew shut off the 8 inch line, and reset the computer control system which reestablished computer control. Staff is inspecting and testing the system.

Incident Location

Facility/Installation Name: Southwest Water Reclamation Facility

Address Line 1: 3800 54th Ave S

Address Line 2:

Directions:

City: Saint Petersburg

State: FL

Zip Code: 33711

Coordinates (in decimal degrees):

Lat: 27.716780079088863, Long: -82.6832244956511

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Impacted Counties: Pinellas

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