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## **County continues to monitor stormwater pond after spill**

Sarasota County Utilities and the Sarasota County Health Department continue to monitor a stormwater pond at Sunset Avenue and Laurel Road in Nokomis that was the site of a sewage spill last week. Utilities Manager Verne Hall says conditions at the pond are almost back to normal, and the county will be sampling water quality throughout the holiday weekend.

While some of the spill may have reached Lyons Bay, Hall does not expect it to have much impact. "Salt water is a hostile environment for fecal coliform, so they won't survive," said Hall.

Over the previous weekend, approximately 400 fish were removed from the lake. A dead raccoon that was found in the area is not believed to have been a result of the spill. County and health department officials believe that the pond and surrounding area will suffer no long-term, adverse environmental impacts.

The spill was caused when a 6-inch force main cracked under a 32-inch concrete storm pipe. Flow from the break was stopped by 12:30 p.m. Dec. 22, and Utilities crews have replaced the damaged pipe and vacuumed the site. All state agencies have been notified, and signs posted by the Sarasota County Health Department will remain in place until water samples return to acceptable levels.

For more information, or to report sewer or water main breaks, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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