

Middlesex County Utilities Authority

Hurricane Sandy Update

May 4 to May 10, 2013

FEMA, USACE, USEPA and NJDEP

Federal and State agencies have visited the site and are fully briefed on the restoration efforts being implemented by the MCUA. These agencies are constantly monitoring the situation. Coordination with FEMA representatives is ongoing for reimbursement of restoration expenses. Meetings were held this week with FEMA and NJDEP officials to discuss facility restoration cost projections and the status of Project Worksheets for reimbursement from FEMA.

Service Interruptions

None reported

Central Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Central Treatment Plant is fully operational and is handling all wastewater and trucked waste entering the plant in Sayreville. Currently, the Central Treatment Plant is being powered by the Landfill Gas to Energy Facility and local electric utility. Analysis of December 2012 operating data showed Plant performance was impacted by the unscreened sewage conveyed through the Temporary Bypass Pumping System at the Sayreville Pumping Station. Excessive solids reduced the efficiency of the Final Settling Tanks for several days. March 2013 plant performance is compliant with permit discharge requirements.

The week's estimated daily average rate of wastewater flow and peak daily flow entering the Central Treatment Plant:

100 million gallons per day average
134 million gallons peak day (May 9)

South Amboy Pump Station

Operational

Repairs to damaged equipment are being performed by MCUA, which are ongoing.

The estimated average rate of wastewater flow conveyed to the Central Treatment Plant:

1-2 million gallons a day

Edison Pump Station

Operational

Five Main Pumps capable of conveying 85 MGD of wastewater to the Central Treatment Plant are in operation.

Initial phase of emergency work nearing completion; contractors in the process of demobilization.

On-site emergency generators are functional in the event of loss of electric utility power; however, generator automatic control issues remain to be resolved. On May 8th utility power was interrupted due to an off-site damaged utility pole. An emergency generator was energized until utility power was restored later in the day.

Currently, the Main Pumps are able to convey 85 MGD which exceeds the average daily amount of wastewater that enters the station. Bypass pumping system capable of handling 20 -24 mgd is in standby mode.

The week's estimated daily average rate of wastewater flow and peak daily flow conveyed to the Central Treatment Plant:

19 million gallons per day average

30 million gallons peak day (May 9)

Sayreville Pump Station

Six Main Pumps capability of conveying an estimated 300 MGD of wastewater to the Central Treatment Plant are in operation.

Original Sayreville Pump Station

Main Pump Nos. 2E and 3E are operational [rated capacities of each pump 33MGD @ 102 feet Total Head], continuing the evaluation of pump hydraulic and mechanical performance; tests performed indicate Pumps 2E and 3E are capable of conveying approximately 80 MGD.

Continuing hydraulic evaluations of pump system conveyance capacity; draft report on the findings has been completed and is under review, further evaluations of the Temporary Bypass Systems conveyance capacities and additional surge analyses on the Original Sayreville Force Main and Sayreville Relief Force Main are ongoing.

Controls to permit manual back flushing of Main Pump Nos. 2E and 3E by MUA Operators remain operable; back flushing of pumps was not performed this week.

Bar Screen No. 1 ready for operation upon introduction of flow through the OSPS influent channel.

Sayreville Relief Pump Station

Main Pump Nos. 2R, 3R, 4R and 6R are operational [rated capacity of 3R & 4R: 50 MGD @ 89 feet Total Head; rated capacity of 2R & 6R: 40 MGD @ 89 feet Total Head]; recorded flow from Main Pump Nos. 3R and 4R has, at times, exceeded 60 MGD.

Controls to permit manual back flushing of Main Pump Nos. 2R, 3R, 4R and 6R by MCUA Operators are operable; back flushing SRPS pumps was not performed this week.

Operating Bar Screen Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, as needed, and the Interconnection channel between SRPS Wet Well and OSPS Wet Well.

Additional work is required for the 34.5KV cutout switches on both the M39 and Q69 Main JCP&L Utility Feeders; arrangements are underway for the replacement of these switches. The MCUA Board of Commissioners approved an emergency authorization to complete this work.

Main Pump No. 4R normal operation remains a concern; pump discharge cone valve and motor bearing temperature issues exist and amperage usage continues to be elevated. To address the amperage usage, an additional set of replacement diodes have been ordered for the pump motor rotating diode assembly. The replacement diodes have been received and coordination for installation on the pump motor is underway. Main Pump No. 4R operational if needed.

During testing of Main Pump No. 5R, an electrical issue regarding the motor was identified and it was determined the motor needs to be removed, inspected and refurbished offsite. The motor was removed from the site for refurbishment at the Scheinert & Sons motor repair shop. Inspection of the motor performed this week has determined that a complete rebuild of the stator is necessary. Completion of the rebuild work will require six to eight weeks.

On-site emergency generator is functional in the event of loss of the two electric utility power feeds into the pump station; transfer of load to the generator must be performed manually. The generator is sized to operate two Main Pumps along with ancillary pump station equipment in either the SRPS or OSPS. Emergency generator was not operated.

Commissioned VFD and initiated startup activities for Main Pump No. 1R, excessive vibration issues with the pump motor are prevalent preventing operation of the pump; testing and troubleshooting both VFD and motor has been ongoing and will continue to identify the problem.

Initiated the installation of grounding conductors, continued refurbishment work on seal water system and completed installation of control wire for pump discharge valves for Main Pump Nos. 1R through 6R; continued identification of circuit wiring and documenting active circuits within Panels throughout the facility; and continued work to reenergize indoor and outdoor lighting.

Temporary Bypass Pumping System

Operational

System operation has been on an intermittent basis due to Main Pump Nos. 2E, 3E, 2R, 3R, 4R and 6R capable of conveying all of the dry weather flow and the maximum wet weather flow to the Central Treatment Plant. On May 8th the 5kV switchgear Main Breaker tripped on two occasions during the day which caused the Pump Station to shut down. The problem was found to be the activation of a ground fault relay in the switchgear, which was addressed. Temporary Bypass Pumps were operated for conveyance of sewage flow for several hours on May 8th until the ground fault matter was resolved. Pump maintenance was performed as needed.

Temporary Bypass Pumping System at the Weber Ave. Meter Chamber was not operated and will remain on standby. This System serves to isolate the MCUA Interceptor pipeline sewage flow from the local sanitary sewer collection system to mitigate potential impacts during wet weather events.

The week's estimated daily average rate of wastewater flow and peak daily flow conveyed by the Main Pumps and/or Temporary Bypass Pumping System to the Central Treatment Plant:

78 million gallons per day average
101 million gallons peak day (May 9)

Temporary Wet Weather Overflow Facilities

WW-1 Facility at SPS site: piping and pump removed from site; WW-A, B and C Pumps at the SPS and associated piping has been removed from the site.

WW-2 Facility at MCLF: piping and pump removed from site.

WW-3 Facility at MCLF: piping and pump removed from site.

WW-4 Facility at MCLF:

- Pump WW 4-1: piping and pump removed from site.
- Pump WW 4-2: piping and pump removed from site.
- Pump WW 4-3: piping and pump removed from site.

All piping, screening equipment and pumps have been removed from the MCLF site; removal of fill and stone for equipment pads and area restoration has been completed.

Industrial Users

Industrial users are being notified that Sayreville Pump Station and Edison Pump Station currently can convey average daily flows to the Central Treatment Plant and may resume discharging to their respective wastewater collection systems. Also, MCUA maintained the reduced trucked in waste rate until January 4, 2013. As of January 5, 2013 the Septage Rate is \$48.00/1000 gallons and the Industrial Rate is \$72.00/1000 gallons.

Uncontrolled Overflows

None as of January 26, 2013

Controlled Overflows

None as of January 17, 2013

Middlesex County Landfill Hours

Middlesex County Landfill is fully operational and open to accept solid waste for disposal. Below is the operating schedule for the Landfill in East Brunswick until further notice.

Monday thru Friday
Saturday
Sunday

7:00am – 3:00pm
7:00am - 12:00 noon
Closed

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