



WASTEWATER ACTIVITY BRIEFING MARCH 2026

- Glaser Lift Station on February 28th, Pump two triggered an over-temperature alarm twice—once Friday night and again Saturday afternoon. Staff responded on-site and cleared the fault, with no further issues reported. On March 3rd, the wastewater crew returned to perform a backflush and replace filters as part of the biannual preventive maintenance schedule.
- Industrial Lift Station on March 9th, a power surge affecting the township caused the station to fault out. AEP responded quickly and restored power within minutes.
- Heavy rainfall on March 6th and 16th caused water to overflow into the closed south ditch, triggering alarms. Operators resolved the issue by activating aeration motors and resetting the drives.
- Generator Readiness on March 10th, 26th and, 31st, staff prepared all generators ahead of forecasted severe weather. Although conditions were milder than expected, all equipment was fully staged and ready.
- Warmer weather allowed staff to remove and clean up all Styrofoam insulation previously installed around the headworks.
- Citywide Power Outage on March 13th, strong winds and winter weather advisories caused a widespread power outage affecting roughly half the city, including the west side beyond the Glaser lift station. Terry reported the outages to AEP, though the process was complicated by the lack of physical addresses for lift stations. To improve future response, Terry and Zoey created a reference sheet listing pole numbers and identifying information for each station. This document will be distributed to all department heads for emergency use.
- Due to continued rainfall, the south ditch valve was opened on March 17th to allow recirculation through the plant. Solids levels had been decreasing over the previous week, supporting this operational adjustment.
- On March 20th, following Tom's recommendation, the south clarifier was brought back into service to help reduce the flow leaving the plant. This adjustment was made in response to elevated fecal counts, providing additional detention time to improve both fecal reduction and overall water clarity.
- On March 31st, the north clarifier was cleaned after six months of continuous operation.
- On March 25th, a large sinkhole near Outfall #2 was filled using corded metal and rock to prevent further erosion.
- On March 24th, a Xylem field technician inspected the UV channel. After a day and a half of assessment, he determined that additional parts—requiring quotes—would be needed to address corrosion caused by moisture in the room. Operators received training on improved maintenance practices, including more frequent clarity checks to ensure proper lamp performance.
- During the final week of March, staff focused on draining accumulated snowmelt from the old plant, relocating pumps every few days to keep the system clear.
- The facility completed 185 preventive maintenance work orders this month, ranging from routine inspections to labor-intensive repairs.