

**From:** Raphael Hughes <[ray@hughesenvironmental.com](mailto:ray@hughesenvironmental.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2024 7:19 AM  
**To:** Mark Shaffery <[mshaffery@tintonfalls.com](mailto:mshaffery@tintonfalls.com)>  
**Cc:** Raphael Hughes <[ray@hughesenvironmental.com](mailto:ray@hughesenvironmental.com)>  
**Subject:** Tinton Falls - Tinton Ave pump station

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Mark,

On May 19, 2024 at approximately noon a sewer force main break was discovered at Tinton Ave pump station. Some wastewater was noticed coming out of the ground when the raw sewerage pumps were on at Tinton Ave Station. We immediately shut off the raw sewerage pumps to stop the bubbling of wastewater from the ground and notified Butch of DPW. The force main handles all sewage coming from the Tinton Ave station. All the resident's sewer flow from that area dumps into that station. Immediate actions were needed to be taken for the force main break. The wet well pumps were shut off to prevent overflow to surrounding areas. In order to contain any overflows to the land, storm drains and surface water bodies in the State of NJ, sewer pump trucks needed to be called immediately to start pumping the wet well which was being used as a holding tank. The holding time for The Tinton Ave station is approximately 2 hours before an overflow and back up to residents' homes would start.

As the Licensed Operator for your facility, and your liaison to the NJDEP; this was an extreme emergency situation that needed to be handled without delay.

Raphael M. Hughes, Jr.  
President  
Hughes Environmental Services, Inc.  
[www.hughesenvironmental.com](http://www.hughesenvironmental.com)  
Office: 609.971.1120  
Fax: 609.971.1025  
Cell: 908.600.3923