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JOINT UPDATE: Nippon Dynawave Industrial Incident

LONGVIEW, Wash. —

Water impacted by the release of white liquor during the Nippon Dynawave Industrial Incident is in the process of being flushed through the Longview ditch system with the intention of drawing it away from residential areas and the city's water supply and diluting it to a level that can be safely discharged into the Columbia River.

With oversight from the EPA and the Department of Ecology, the Consolidated Diking Improvement District #1 (CDID1) is introducing water from both the Cowlitz River and fire hydrants in the Highlands neighborhood into the ditch system, and activating the Reynolds Pumping Station which flows into the Columbia River.

Continuous pH monitoring is in place at the Reynolds Pumping Station to ensure the flow is stopped before hazardous levels of contamination reach the river.

Dilution is expected to reduce the pH to levels where environmental impacts are far less likely to occur. If sampling shows dilution operations are not effective, pumping will stop and Unified Command will take additional actions to reduce pH levels before pumping resumes.

There is currently no concern that drinking water supplies have been impacted. However, the longer the contaminated water remains in the ditch system, the greater the potential for it to contaminate the underlying aquifer.

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