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### **Alabaster Water Continuing Remediation Following Liquid Fluoride Spill**

**Alabaster, AL** – A liquid fluoride spill of approximately 1,500 gallons occurred at a water plant on Winterhaven Drive in Alabaster yesterday at approximately 7:15 AM. The spill was caused due to a fluoride tank's pipe fitting breaking while being adjusted. This allowed approximately 150 gallons of liquid fluoride to spill on the ground and approximately 1,350 gallons to flow into a below ground secondary containment structure. The level of the liquid fluoride contained was closely monitored while a contractor was in route to remove the fluoride.

At approximately 4:15 PM yesterday, the amount of stored liquid fluoride changed due to an undetermined piping failure causing approximately 900 gallons of fluoride to be released into the ground. The contractor arrived on-site at approximately 5:00 PM and was able to recover approximately 600 gallons of the liquid fluoride from the secondary containment and the adjacent area.

Alabaster Water continues to work diligently to remove any contaminated materials from the site. Additionally, we are continuing to closely monitor water quality and are inspecting adjacent water and gas utilities. Currently, the fluoride spill is not an immediate threat and has not affected the local water supply.

**For residents who have questions, please contact Alabaster Water at 205-663-6155.**