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Dear Stakeholders:

Mexico gave the USIBWC and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency an update on the progress of the International Collector project this morning. These virtual meetings have been held almost every weekday since early March, in addition to similar meetings on Monday evenings and regular updates on WhatsApp.

On Sunday, approximately 2 million gallons of wastewater spilled into the Tijuana River while Mexico attempted to divert upstream flows away from the 30 meters left to be relined in the International Collector.

The spill ended early this morning.

The USIBWC loaned a large pump to Mexico to use as they continue repairs on the Sanchez Taboada collector, which collapsed during heavy rains. This pump will help Mexico minimize flows to the river.

We expect to receive more updates from Mexico and to start planning for Phase 2, when flows will be temporarily stopped to the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP).

Rehabilitating the International Collector is key to reducing the risks of pipeline failure and transboundary flows near the border. Another feature of the project includes gate valves to deliver reliable flows into the SBIWTP.

(Our X site is a good place to check for updates: <https://x.com/usibwc>)

Warm regards,

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