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CONTRACTOR FLOURIDE SPILL AT MDC's WEST HARTFORD WATER TREATMENT FACILITY POSES NO THREAT TO THE PUBLIC OR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

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For Immediate Release

(HARTFORD, CT) – A truck delivering fluoride to the Metropolitan District's West Hartford water treatment facility located at 1420 Farmington Avenue experienced a minor leak in its holding tank. The truck, operated by Liquid Cargo Inc., was making a scheduled delivery of fluoride to the water treatment facility at 9:00am. MDC personnel discovered the leak as the tank was pressurized to begin off-loading. There was no interruption or threat to MDC's drinking water operation or supply.

The MDC immediately implemented its emergency response plan and notified local emergency officials, and coordinated on site with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Additionally, MDC officials were in continuous communication with the Department of Public Health throughout the incident. An environmental cleanup crew was dispatched to off-load the truck and clean up the area. The immediate area of the leak has been secured and cleanup work is ongoing. The public will be notified when this work is complete.

MDC officials have been advised there is no threat to the public, therefore, the MDC recreation area located at the facility will continue remain open to the public for recreational use.

About the MDC: *The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, sewer and household hazardous waste collection services to its member municipalities: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, under a series of special agreements, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby, Unionville and Portland.*

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