

ANNEX B – Appendix 6  
KURE BEACH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN  
SIGNIFICANT SEWAGE / STORM WATER SYSTEM ISSUE

- A. PURPOSE. This operations plan supports the KB-EOP and outlines sewage/ storm water specific actions and coordination procedures the Town of Kure Beach will take and follow when a significant spill occurs in Kure Beach.
- B. SITUATION. A large system failure or power outage has resulted in significant spillage of sewage from the system. The Public Works Department has accessed the issue and has determined that additional support is required.
- C. ASSUMPTIONS: The spill is of such a size or continues and has the potential to cause a health risk to people. The Public Works Department is responding to the spill using its Standard Operating Procedures – however due to the size of the spill, the large impact or other factors – additional support from other departments is required.
- D. MISSION: For purposes of this plan, the mission is to define and support local government efforts during large spills and to coordinate recovery operations in the town of Kure Beach.
- E. ORGANIZATION: The specific response personnel are listed here and this plan is compatible with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The Mayor of Kure Beach and the Town Council have delegated direction and control responsibilities to the Public Works Director. This authority is defined in the State Emergency Management Act, G.S. 166-A.
1. ERC – Responsibilities
    - a. Preparedness
      - i. Ensure that all Public Works personnel understand the Standard Operating Procedures of the department and their responsibilities during a sewage spill.
      - ii. Ensure other Department Heads have briefed their departments on how to support public works.
    - b. Response
      - i. Perform as the Incident Commander (IC) or recommend a substitute if unavailable.
      - ii. As IC – prioritize response actions based on the following priority:
        1. Life Safety – ensuring that responders and the public remain aware of the issue and out of the spill.
        2. Containing the spill.
        3. Restoration of services – return the system to normal operations.
        4. Ensuring private property is protected.

- iii. Request specific support from the New Hanover County Emergency Management if necessary.
- iv. Maintain communications throughout the event with Council and other Department Heads.
- v. Work with Department Heads to get any additional resources for public safety, area isolation.
- c. Recovery
  - i. Complete all required reporting to County, State, Federal governments.
  - ii. Maintain tracking of time and costs for the event.
- 2. Police Chief
  - a. Preparedness
    - i. Determine departmental standard operational procedures (SOP's) for supporting public works.
    - ii. Ensure adequate supplies to support plan – barricades and all necessary departmental supplies.
  - b. Response
    - i. Support Public Works as requested to inform public and isolate area.
  - c. Recovery
    - i. Track departmental time and spending for submission to Finance Officer.
- 3. Fire Chief
  - a. Preparedness
    - i. Determine departmental standard operational procedures (SOP's) for supporting Public Works.
    - ii. Ensure adequate supplies to support plan – barricades and all necessary departmental supplies.
  - b. Response
    - i. Support Public Works as requested to inform public and isolate area.
  - c. Recovery
    - i. Track departmental time and spending for submission to Finance Officer.

F. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Response to a large sewage spill in the town requires recognition of the issue, informing the personnel in the area and keeping the public out of the sewage as the town stops the spill, cleans up the spill and restores the system.