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**Regional Wastewater Collection System Operates as Intended
During Significant Rain Activity**

- *All GLWA wastewater facilities operated as intended during significant rain activity on August 24*
- *Although sewer levels were extremely high, the levels at all the regional system's sewer pump stations remained below critical levels*

DETROIT – For a second day in a row, an intense band of rain activity came through Great Lakes Water Authority's (GLWA) service area and resulted in flooding. We recognize the impact this has on the residents in this area and have begun evaluating the system's response to the intense rain. At this very preliminary stage, we can report that the regional collection system responded as designed to the significant amount of water introduced into its tributary area during the major rain activity that occurred across southeast Michigan on August 24.

All sewer pump stations, including those on the Eastside of Detroit functioned as designed, with the levels at the stations themselves never reaching critical. Demand required seven pumps to be turned on at the Freud Pump Station and five pumps turned on at the Conners Creek Pump Station to maintain wet well levels below critical. Flows pumped from these stations were successfully treated through the Conner Creek Combined Sewer Overflow facility. Further, the Blue Hill Pump Station maintained wet well levels significantly below its critical level.

"Given the extraordinary nature of these storms, I very much appreciate the tireless efforts of the men and women of GLWA as they moved hundreds of millions of gallons of wet weather flow through our facilities at the highest flow rates in decades," said Suzanne R. Coffey, Chief Executive Officer, GLWA.

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About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent, and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30 percent, of Michigan's population. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its services beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA's board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit, and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent member partner communities outside of the tri-county area.