



## **CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **SEWAGE SPILL WAS CONTAINED, POSED NO HEALTH THREAT**

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (2/29/08)** – A recent sewage spill was quickly contained and never posed a public health risk, Temple Terrace officials said Friday.

The spill occurred Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24 near an outfall ditch along Riverhills Drive, north of the Hillsborough River. A resident notified the Temple Terrace Public Works Department at 4 p.m. The sewer pipeline was fixed by 5:30 p.m., said Interim Public Works Director Joe Motta.

Officials estimate about 6,000 to 7,000 gallons of sewage spilled into the ditch leading to the river. The problem was traced to a clogged line, which was flushed and cleaned.

In accordance with the City's protocol, the Hillsborough County Health Department and Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission were notified, Motta said. The EPC inspected the site on Monday and was satisfied with the City's remedial action.

City officials are issuing this notification to assure residents there was never a public health risk.

**For additional information, contact Interim Public Works Director Joe Motta at (813) 989-7170.**

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