

## SEWER FORCE MAIN REPAIRS



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### **Repairs will begin Saturday morning on sewer force main**

Crews will begin repairing one of the City's larger sewer force mains on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The urgent repairs are expected to last 12 to 24 hours.

The south bound lanes of East Kings Highway from East Bert Kouns Industrial Loop to the 7800 block of East Kings Highway will be closed for repairs. The north bound lanes of East Kings Highway will remain open.

The force main is currently leaking, and any further degradation could result in a significant and uncontrolled sewage release. In an effort to prevent a greater impact to the surrounding area, a temporary diversion of sewage at the Stoner Lift Station will be made into the Red River, allowing the City to make a timely repair. The City communicated these issues and worked out an approved path with the local DEQ permits office.

The Red River is currently flowing at a high level, close to flood stage. The public boat launch near the discharge point is closed. Little to no boat traffic is anticipated in the area.

City environmental staff will be monitoring water quality in the river near and downstream of the discharge point. In the event of an emergency or elevated concerns, please contact the City's Emergency Dispatch Line at 318-673-7600.

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