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City staff install the new sewage pumps at the Area 5 pump station.

### City's Collection, Operations teams join to face challenges

**MARATHON, FL (Oct. 26, 2026) –** The city's Collection and Operations teams faced a variety of issues and problems recently while working on numerous projects, including emergency repairs and elements of the Deep Injection Well project.

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The scheduled replacement of the sewage pumps at Area 5 pump station went off without a hitch, according to Joaquin Miranda, Collections System and Maintenance Manager for the city's Utility Department, although both teams faced challenges at the Area 3 and Area 4 plants.



A previous damage vacuum main had been repaired using Fernco couplings.

At Area 4, the city's contractor was addressing an infiltration and inflow issue when they discovered a vastly different problem with a vacuum main. Recurring sewage backups into homes in the area were rectified upon the city's contractor addressing, repairing, and replacing elements regarding both issues.

At Area 3, city staff successfully completed the tank switchover but encountered some challenges following the transition, Miranda said, adding most had been resolved.

"Between the pump replacements, emergency repairs, tank switchover, troubleshooting, and ongoing system issues, both teams have put in a tremendous number of hours," said Miranda. "There have been long days, unexpected challenges, and plenty of frustrating situations, but everyone continued working together, stayed focused, and got the job done without complaining.

“I cannot emphasize enough how much I appreciate the dedication, teamwork, and willingness of everyone to step up when needed.”

In case of sewer emergency, call 305-517-6764.



At Area 3, city staff successfully completed the tank switchover.

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The new sewage pumps are installed and working well, city staff said.

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