



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Charlotte City Manager Ron Carlee  
**From:** CMPD Police Chief Rodney Monroe  
**Date:** 2/8/2014  
**Subject:** Investigation of Illegal Dumping

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On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department learned of an illegal dumping of toxic chemicals into the City's sewer system. These chemicals were detected during testing at the Mallard Creek Water Treatment Plant. The origination of the dumping site was traced back to a grease trap containment located behind the Food Lion grocery store located in the 6400 block of W. Sugar Creek Road.

Given the seriousness of this offense, The Mayor and City Manager have authorized the creation of a joint task force to investigate this incident. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department has joined forces with Local, State and Federal agencies in an effort to identify and prosecute those involved in this egregious criminal act. The task force met earlier today to discuss the coordination of the investigation and is continuing to follow up on any leads.

Members of the task force include:

- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department
- The Charlotte Fire Department (CFD)
- The Environmental Protection Agency's Criminal Investigation Division (EPACID)
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities Department (CMUD)
- North Carolina State Highway Patrol

The extent of the offense for unlawfully dumping toxic chemicals can include both State and Federal charges. The most serious of these charges would be a felony State charge of "Dumping of toxic substance" and a felony Federal charge of "Violation of the Clean Water Act".

The task force is currently conducting interviews of witnesses and other persons of interest in an attempt to obtain additional leads in this case. The CFD is on hand to conduct additional chemical tests on locations and vehicles identified through the investigation. The EPACID has partnered with this investigation and is working closely with the task force.