

## WATER & SEWER RESPONSES TO OPRA REQUEST FROM RESIDENT [REDACTED]

- 5. There are no records identifying any station pumps in danger of failure. All stations worked properly throughout the storm. The only problem that occurred was with the main plant station where one of three pumps was lost for several days due to an electrical problem in the control panel. Generators were used at the Public Works Complex (main plant) Lilly Park Pump Station and the Canal Station in Ventnor Heights. Our two other stations do not have generators.
  
- 6. Although these questions relate to the sewer system, I do not have any records or information which relates to those circumstances.
  
- 7. Within the last year and a half, we constructed a new station for Ventnor Heights (Canal Station) and totally rehabbed the Lilly Park Pump Station at Victoria & Winchester Avenue's. Although there have been discussions with regard to rehabilitating the Lafayette Avenue Pump Station, no specific timetable has been established to accomplish this work.
  
- 8. This information is not readily available. The Main Plant station where the problem occurred is only seven years old and has never given us either mechanical or electrical problems prior to this storm. The record flooding of Hurricane Sandy was far in excess of the prior benchmark storm, the March 6/7 storm of 1962. Large sections of the city were under several feet of water which completely filled the sewer system causing the station to run twenty-four hours a day. Even after the flood tide receded, the highly saturated ground water table caused record flows for approximately 4 days.

We did not initially know the nature of the problem, but once the technician responded to repair same, we learned the problem was a blown fuse. Unfortunately he did not carry the part on his service vehicle. Our efforts to obtain said fuse from local electrical suppliers was not successful. As such we had fuses flown in from out of state through a local distributor. The other two pumps at the station continued to run without issue, and once the fuse was received and installed, the third pump was restored. Even with all three pumps working, it still took over a day and a half for the system to drop sufficiently to reopen the city. The age of the pumps are and were not relevant to these circumstances.