

NBC's *Today*

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: News at 8; Massive Sewage Spill in Potomac River]

HODA KOTB: Meantime, a massive cleanup is underway in Washington, D.C. after hundreds of millions of gallons of waste spilled into the Potomac River. It all started last month after a 60-year-old sewage line broke open in Maryland. The river left with e. coli levels more than 10,000 times above the EPA quality standards. Officials expect to have the immediate pair job done by mid-March, but overhauling the entire sewer line could take at least nine months.