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Five Years After Sandy, PVSC Is The Model Of Resiliency And Recovery



Newark, NJ – It has now been more than five years since Superstorm Sandy slammed into New Jersey, inflicting catastrophic and unparalleled damages which in turn necessitated billions of dollars in repairs. Since the storm, New Jerseyans have seen overwhelming evidence that our state truly was and is “stronger than the storm,” a slogan that became post-storm New Jersey’s rallying cry and a statement of courage and resolve.

In the immediate aftermath of the storm, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission was much like the rest of the state – devastated. Our 140-acre plant, situated near the confluence of the Passaic River and Newark Bay, was entirely engulfed by flood waters. This resulted in the inundation of PVSC’s 5,000-foot underground utility tunnels with more than 200 million gallons of combined bay, rain and wastewater, which destroyed much of PVSC’s critical process equipment.

“Five years after the storm, PVSC is the model of recovery and resiliency,” said Executive Director Gregory Tramontozzi. “Through hard work, unwavering determination, and collaborative vision, PVSC has come back stronger and more unified than ever before. This is a tribute to PVSC’s excellent employees, who have met significant challenges head-on and persevered. Meanwhile, our outstanding Board of Commissioners and senior management team have provided invaluable leadership as the agency continues to rebuild and modernize, while remaining extremely responsive to its contributing municipalities and ratepayers.”

To review PVSC’s accomplishments in detail, please visit: <http://www.nj.gov/pvsc/news/sandy/>

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