



24/7 Emergency Support for Floods

Speedy's Pumps Mobilised at Mythe Water Treatment Works



In July 2007, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service Operations Control received a call to a risk of flooding at the Mythe Water Treatment Works. This is situated at the point where the River Severn and River Avon converge.

Heavy rainfall in the North of England and Wales had caused both rivers to swell but an additional risk came from the tidal nature of the Severn.

The perimeter was inevitably rushed by the River Avon, shortly followed by the Severn which led to a shutdown.

The Client

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service were tasked with flood clear up at the Mythe Water Treatment Works.

The Challenge

Remove the flood water as quickly as possible in order to re-open the Works so 350,000 people could have access to water again.

The Solution

Speedy mobilised its national network of pumping equipment to support Gloucestershire Fire Service.

Speedy's pumps division turned around a fleet of 12 large diesel powered pumps and over 1.5km of hoses in a 12 hour period to the Service remove the three feet deep water that surrounded Severn Trent's treatment works.

Speedy also put a temporary hire desk on-site to ensure immediate supply of any further equipment needed.

Neil Evans, from Speedy, said: "Once we delivered our first batch of large diesel pumps to Severn Trent, word spread and we had calls requesting a variety of products to assist with the clear up. We also implemented a 24 hour on-site refuelling system in order to keep our generating equipment working constantly.

"Once we realised the scale of the project we mobilised all the equipment we had at our disposal in the surrounding

area and the managing director of our Speedy Western business travelled through the night to pick up extra pumps from Kent and delivered them to the site within 12 hours."

A spokesperson from Severn Trent, added: "Severn Trent Water would like to thank Speedy for all of their help during the Mythe flooding incident, along with the Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service it was a great collaborated effort. All the equipment arrived before each deadline and was fully functional. Speedy took it upon themselves to erect an on-site hire desk and supply the refueling system, which was ideal considering the amount of equipment we required."

Following this emergency, Speedy was inundated with calls and supplied pumps to local authorities for all the flood affected areas across the UK, including Yorkshire, the Midlands and Gloucestershire.

