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Press Release

Sewer System Sanitary Sewer Overflow

Village of Constantine Air Release Valve Malfunctions on South US-131

Three Rivers, MI, February 4, 2016: On February 3rd at approximately 10:20 AM Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) personnel discovered a faulty Air Release Valve (ARV) on South US-131. The malfunctioning ARV had caused a Sanitary Sewage Overflow (SSO) onto the US-131 roadside. WWTP personnel isolated the malfunctioning valve. A clean-up contractor vacuumed and power-washed the affected area. Clean-up personnel covered the affected area with hydrated lime as an additional safety measure. All clean-up debris were properly managed at the City of Three Rivers WWTP. No surface waters were impacted by this SSO. Personnel removed and replaced the malfunctioning ARV with a working ARV. The WWTP staff made the required notifications to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph County Health Department for this event.

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