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Press Release

Sanitary Sewer Overflow

Failed Equipment Results in Wastewater Plant SSO

Three Rivers, MI, July 27, 2016: On July 26th at approximately 6:00 AM City of Three Rivers Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) personnel discovered a sanitary sewer overflow happening just outside the Septage Receiving building at the City's 409 Wolf Rd location. A non-potable water strainer failed which resulted in the building flooding. Approximately 8,000 gallons of this run-off from the Septage building entered the WWTP storm water management system. Plant personnel immediately shut off the water to the failed strainer. Personnel then pumped the Septage building's contaminated water into the normal treatment process. WWTP staff made the required notifications to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph County Health Department for this event. River samples were taken upstream and downstream of the WWTP outfall to determine if there was any impact to the St Joseph River. When available these results will be shared with the BHSJ Health Department and the MDEQ.

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