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### RAINFALL CAUSES SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW AND BYPASS PUMPING IN DUBUQUE

DUBUQUE – Continuous heavy rain over the last twelve hours and ground already saturated by yesterday morning's storm are the principal causes of a sanitary sewer overflow occurring on West Locust Street. Three manholes are overflowing into the street at the current time, forcing the City of Dubuque to initiate emergency bypass-pumping of untreated wastewater into the West Locust Street storm sewer in order to alleviate the sewer backup situation currently occurring in a number of nearby homes. City workers will pump the wastewater into the storm sewer, which eventually drains into the Mississippi River, until tanker trucks arrive. The large, truck-towed tankers are enroute to the scene to load and haul the wastewater to the City of Dubuque water pollution control facility, thereby ending the current overflow and bypass situation.

The City is sampling and testing the bypassed wastewater for fecal coliform bacteria, biological oxygen demand, ammonia, and total suspended solids. Results of the tests will be available in about five days.

The IDNR and the City of Dubuque will continue to monitor the situation.

**For more information, contact the Manchester IDNR field office at 563-927-2640 or John Klostermann at the City of Dubuque at 563-589-4250.**

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