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NEWS RELEASE

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Lift Station Failure Causes Sanitary Sewer Overflow in Dubuque

DUBUQUE, IOWA – A sanitary sewer lift station problem caused a Dubuque sanitary sewer to overflow, resulting in untreated wastewater enter a drainage ditch which empties into the Mississippi River.

The City of Dubuque Public Works Department was notified this morning of a sanitary sewer odor in the area of Greyhound Park Road. Crews were dispatched to the area and found a sanitary sewer overflowing into a drainage ditch between Greyhound Park Road and the U.S. Highways 151/61 exit ramp. The cause of the overflow was due to a failure in the sanitary sewer lift station. The lift station has been repaired and the sanitary sewer overflow has been eliminated.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources cautions people to keep their children and pets away from this area until further notice.

For more information, contact the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Manchester Field Office at 563-927-2640 or John Klostermann at 563-589-4250.

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