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Line Blockage Causes Sanitary Sewer Overflow in Dubuque

DUBUQUE, IOWA – A blockage 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 afternoon of a sanitary sewer overflow in the parking lot located at 1855 Greyhound Park Road. Crews were dispatched and found a sanitary manhole overflowing into the storm sewer system. The storm sewer empties 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 blockage in the line. The blockage has been removed and the sanitary sewer overflow has been eliminated.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources cautions people to keep their children and pets away from the noted drainage ditch for 48 hours.

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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