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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Equipment Failure Causes Sanitary Sewer Overflow

DUBUQUE, IOWA – Failure of pumping station control equipment at a City of Dubuque facility at 16<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore streets this morning caused an unknown amount of untreated wastewater to be discharged into the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Detention Basin.

The equipment failure was discovered by maintenance staff after operators at the Water and Resource Recovery Center (W&RRC) became aware of low flows being reported to the W&RRC computer system. The monitoring system at the pumping station had failed and continued to send a signal to the W&RRC computers indicating that it was still in operation. Investigations to determine the cause of the communications failure are ongoing. The controls were repaired and the pumping station was back to normal operation within a few minutes of the discovery of the issue.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources cautions people to keep their children and pets away from the noted area, which is posted, for 48 hours. For more information, contact the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Manchester Field Office at 563-927-2640 or Jonathan Brown at 563-589-4176.

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