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NEWS RELEASE

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Heavy Rain Causes Sanitary Sewer Manhole Overflows

DUBUQUE, IOWA – The heavy rain event this morning caused two sanitary sewer manholes to overflow along the Catfish Creek, resulting in untreated wastewater flowing into the creek.

The City of Dubuque Public Works staff discovered two overflowing manholes along the Catfish Creek. The location of the manholes is between Southern Avenue and an area just south of the Rockdale Road Bridge. The discovery was made around 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. The manhole overflow south of the Rockdale Road bridge has ended. The manhole near Southern Avenue continues to overflow at this time. Without additional rain, the overflow is expected to end before evening.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources cautions people to keep their children and pets away from the noted area for forty-eight (48) hours.

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

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