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NEWS RELEASE

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Blockage Causes Sanitary Sewer Overflow in Dubuque

DUBUQUE, Iowa – A pipe blockage has caused a Dubuque sanitary sewer to overflow, resulting in untreated wastewater flowing into the City's storm sewer system.

The City of Dubuque Public Works Department was notified at 11 a.m. this morning of a possible sanitary sewer overflow on Burns Street. City crews were dispatched to the location and found a blockage in the sanitary sewer line which overflowed into the storm sewer system. The blockage was removed and all flow has been directed back into the sanitary sewer system. The cause of the blockage is unknown at this time.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources cautions people to keep their children and pets away from the storm sewer discharge located along the Mississippi River below the Julien Dubuque Bridge for the next 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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