

General Environmental Incident Summary

Incident: 9242 **Notice:** 9/23/2019 1106 **Occurred:** 9/21/2019 0200

DEM Incident No:

No Further Action:

Responsible Party: City of Grand Forks

County: Grand Forks

Twp Rng Sec Qtr: 151 50 4

Lat Long + Method: 47.93094 -97.04001 Navigation quality GPS

Location Description: 730 N. 3rd Street, 1435 Belmont Road, 100 8th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND. These are the addresses of the affected lift stations

Submitted By Info: Lisa Botnen
City of Grand Forks
724 N. 47th Street
Grand Forks ND 58203

Received By Info:

Contact Info: Lisa Botnen
724 N. 47th Street
Grand Forks ND 58201

Affected Medium: 02 - water

Near. Occupied Bldg: 0 Miles

Type of Incident: Sewage Accident

Release Contained: No

Reported to NRC: Unknown

Contaminant: Sanitary sewage

Volume of Release: 500000 gallons

Duration of Release:

Agriculture Related: No

EPA Extremely

Hazardous Substance: No

Number of Fatalities: 0

Number of Injuries: 0

Cause of Incident:

Over 5 inches of rain fell in Grand Forks in less than 5 hours. Systems throughout the city could not keep up with the flows. Some sanitary sewage needed to be diverted to the river to prevent overflow events in town. This was to prevent human health issues in the city.

Risk Evaluation:

None.

Potential Env. Impacts:

With all the rainfall runoff in the area, environmental impacts are not expected.

Action Taken/Planned:

Additional pumps were added to assist in the lift stations, the wastewater treatment facility diverted flows to the lagoon system, and residents were asked to limit their water usage until the system was able to catch up with pumping.

Wastes Disposal Location:

N/A

Other Agencies Involved:

Updates

Date: 9/23/2019 **Status:** Reviewed - Assigned to NDDEQ Division

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Notes:

According to the incident report, more lift stations were affected with the City of Grand Forks sewage release. Further follow up is needed.

Updated Volume: None at the time of this update