

General Environmental Incident Summary

Incident: 9245

Notice: 9/23/2019 1450

Occurred: 9/21/2019 0200

DEM Incident No:

No Further Action: ☒

Responsible Party: City of Grand Forks

County: Grand Forks

Twp Rng Sec Qtr: 152 50 32

Lat Long + Method: 47.94461 -97.06699 Navigation quality GPS

Location Description: 2401 N. Columbia Road, Grand Forks, ND. City of Grand Forks Lift Station

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

Received By Info:

Contact Info: Lisa Botnen
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Affected Medium: 02 - water

Near. Occupied Bldg: 1 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 and to alleviate pressure on the force main. This was to prevent human health issues in the City and to prevent larger sanitary line breaks.

Risk Evaluation:

None.

Potential Env. Impacts:

With all the rainfall runoff in the area, minimal if any environmental impacts are expected.

Action Taken/Planned:

Additional pumps were added to assist in the lift stations, the wastewater treatment facility diverted flows to the lagoon system, EGF interconnect services were slowed, and residents were asked to limit their water usage until the system was able to catch up with the 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 the release of sanitary sewage was released. Report forwarded to another agency within the department.

Updated Volume: None at the time of this update