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Subject: City of Spokane, WA0024473, spill to ground notice

Good afternoon, Rob, and Diana.

As per NPDES permit WA0024473, sections S3.F.3, S3.F.a – Immediate Reporting, and S3.F.c – Report Within Five Days, the following is being reported:

This morning (4/25/2023) at approximately 9:00 am there was a spill to ground that occurred at the San Souci Pump Station located at 3231 W. Boone Ave., Spokane. The spill was estimated to be about 200 gallons of raw sewage. The spill was found to be due to a water hammer that occurred during routine wet well pump down operations. A faulty flange gasket located inside the pump station gave out when the water hammer occurred, and sewage began spraying from the pipe connection. Within minutes of the leak, area maintenance personnel were able to divert the flow back into the wet well by activating a diversion valve and diverting flow from the pressure main back into the wet well. By quickly diverting the flow approximately 600 gallons was stopped from also flowing to ground. Immediately following the spill, the Sewer Maintenance department was notified and requested to assist in cleanup operations. Two Sewer Maintenance Vactor trucks arrived within approximately 1-2 hours of the spill and cleaned up the spill and surrounding contaminated soil. The area of the spill was approximately a 90-100 square foot area about 3-4 feet wide and 30 feet long. While this pump station is near the Spokane River, the closest point of the spill to the river was estimated to be about 60-70 feet.

Also, as per the permit sections mentioned above, The Washington State Department of Health, Drinking Water Program, and Spokane County Regional Health have been copied on this email for official notification of the spill.

This notice will be entered into PARIS within 5 days.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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