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Re: SSO – MH 6139 in Caldwell, ID

The purpose of this letter is to notify IDEQ of a non-compliance incident that happened at MH 6139 located in the intersection of Kit Ave. and Summers Ave. Caldwell, ID.

On Saturday, June 27th, at approximately 0200 an SSO occurred as a result of a significant storm event from the night before. The storm is being considered a 500-year event and produced nearly 1 inch of rain between 7:30 PM and 8:30 PM, overwhelming the conveyance system. I received a call from the WWTP staff stating that the influent wet well had reached the high-level mark. I instructed the operator to inspect MH 6139 because it is the low point in the system. Upon arrival, the operator reported that sewer began bubbling from the lid pick holes and continued for approximately 10 minutes, discharging less than 50 gallons onto the roadway. City collections staff arrived on site to disinfect and clean the area in accordance with City protocol.

At this time, it cannot be determined whether any sewer flow reached the storm drain from the gutter, and this was not visually confirmed. Samples were collected upstream and downstream of the storm discharge; however, the results were inconclusive. Both samples were outside the expected range and are believed to have been affected by the storm event. All City systems are currently in good working order and flowing as intended.

The City will continue to evaluate the situation and provide updates as needed.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this situation.

Sincerely,
Tony Harmon

Wastewater Superintendent