



PRESS STATEMENT

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Wet Weather EQ Basin Overflow

Grand Ledge, MI, March, 2019 – Due to the recent mechanical failure of the East Effluent clarifier along with the significant amount of rainfall and melting of snowpack, the City of Grand Ledge experienced an overflow of the EQ basin at approximately 7:30 AM on March 14, 2019. The EQ basin is primarily designed to treat excessive rain water and/or melting snowpack as it can overwhelm its ability to sufficiently treat influent flow at the Grand Ledge Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 109 Fitzgerald Park Drive. Last month the Wastewater Treatment Plant's ability to treat flow was reduced by 50% due to the mechanical failure of the East Effluent clarifier. The problem was immediately diagnosed and a corrective action plan was developed. The plan for the emergency repair was presented to City Council and approved at the February 25, 2019 meeting. The City is currently awaiting the arrival of the necessary parts to make the repair. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), local health department, and local newspaper have been notified accordingly.

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