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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stormwater Management Planning Committee

FROM: Mary Beth Falsey, Stormwater Management

SUBJECT: Quarterly Spill Response Report

DATE: November 18, 2025

Stormwater Management staff receives notification of spill events through citizen reports, notification from municipalities, and through the Hazardous Materials Incident Reports sent from the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Staff responds to spill events occurring in or near waterways and storm sewers. When needed, spill kits can be deployed to contain and absorb spills and prevent further release into storm sewers and waterways until the spiller can be identified and the spill cleanup conducted by a qualified environmental cleanup company. Stormwater Management staff also reports to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) as to the status of the remediation or if additional cleanup is needed. During the 4th quarter of 2025, the following spill events occurred and were responded to:

Large-Scale Hazardous Materials Incident Training Exercise, Hinsdale, October 25, 2025

On October 25, Stormwater Management staff participated in a Large-Scale Hazardous Materials Incident training exercise hosted by MABAS 10 Hazmat. The exercise was held in Hinsdale and included Police and Fire Departments, IL/US EPA, EMS, FBI, and Hazmat teams. Stormwater's role included working with EPA on tracing contaminated water from the site through the storm sewer system and developing a plan for containment and prevention of impacts to neighboring properties and downstream. The exercise presented a great opportunity for staff training for spill events as well as coordination with state, local, and federal agencies.

Leaking Underground Storage Tank, Westmont, September 25, 2025

Stormwater Management received a Hazardous Materials Incident Report regarding an underground storage tank leak at property in Westmont. Staff verified no release offsite or into waterways and that there was no release beyond the immediate tank area.

Oil Spill, Unincorporated Willowbrook, September 26, 2025

Stormwater Management received a Hazardous Materials Incident Report of an oil spill from a vehicle collision on an IDOT roadway in unincorporated Willowbrook. Staff inspected downstream to ensure no impacts to waterways.

Grease Spill, Unincorporated Willowbrook, October 6, 2025

County Public Works observed grease in a privately owned storm sewer during a routine sewer inspection and notified Stormwater Management. Staff conducted a site inspection and found an overflowing grease trap behind a restaurant which was entering the storm sewer. The property owner was contacted and required to clean the storm sewer and grease trap.

Transformer Oil, Elk Grove Village, October 29, 2025

Stormwater Management received a Hazardous Materials Incident Report of a transformer oil spill from a power line transformer explosion in Elk Grove Village. The spill was remediated by Com Ed. Staff inspected waterways to ensure proper cleanup and no release downstream.

Sewage Dumping, Unincorporated Addison, November 17, 2025

During routine outfall monitoring inspections, Stormwater staff observed a sewage smell and blue dye in a storm sewer and stream on Forest Preserve property in unincorporated Addison. The sewage could not be traced to a specific property indicating that it was likely fly dumping into a storm sewer inlet. DuPage County Public Works pumped the sewage out with a vactor truck to properly dispose of at the sanitary treatment plant. Stormwater Management is working with the Forest Preserve in developing a plan to prevent future fly dumping of sewage.