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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stormwater Management Planning Committee

FROM: Mary Beth Falsey, Stormwater Management

SUBJECT: Quarterly Spill Response Report

DATE: May 15, 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 2nd quarter of 2025, the following spill events occurred and were responded to:

Fuel Spill, Hinsdale, March 27, 2025

Hinsdale Fire Department contacted Stormwater Management regarding a fuel spill at a gas station in Hinsdale. Stormwater staff responded to the site and found the fuel contained in a storm sewer inlet. No release offsite or into waterways. The Fire Department coordinated cleanup. Stormwater Management was in communication with IEPA on the status of the spill and cleanup efforts.

Fish Kill, Burr Ridge, March 31, 2025

Burr Ridge reported a fish kill in a Village owned pond. Stormwater staff inspected the pond and determined the fish kill to be a natural occurrence caused by pond turnover. Relayed findings to the Village.

Hydraulic Fluid Spill, Downers Grove, April 4, 2025

Downers Grove contacted Stormwater Management regarding a hydraulic fluid spill on a roadway. Stormwater Management staff advised the Village on proper cleanup and enforcement. The Village coordinated with the responsible party on remediation. No release into storm sewers or waterways.

Petroleum Spill, Unincorporated DuPage County, April 5, 2025

Bloomington Fire Department contacted Stormwater Management regarding the release of petroleum from a barrel in unincorporated DuPage County. The barrel, from an unknown location, had rolled down a hill and spilled into a storm drain inlet and released into a West Branch DuPage River Tributary #1. Stormwater Management responded to the site and coordinated with IEPA and the Fire Department on cleanup. The Fire Department was first on-scene and placed oil booms in the waterway. Stormwater Management staff continued to monitor the site and replaced booms as needed until the spill was remediated. IEPA interviewed the property owners of several potential locations in the area but was not able to trace the barrel to a responsible party.

Leaking Scrap Bin, Itasca, April 23, 2025

IEPA contacted Stormwater Management regarding a report they received of a metal scrap bin leaking oil. The Village conducted a site inspection and worked with the property owner on cleanup and proper best management practices for the scrap bin. Stormwater Management staff coordinated with the Village and the IEPA.

Leaking Underground Storage Tank, Downers Grove, April 29, 2025

Stormwater Management staff received a Hazardous Materials Incident Report regarding an underground storage tank leak at property in Downers Grove. The tank was reported during site redevelopment. Staff verified no release offsite or into waterways and that there was no release beyond the immediate tank area.

Water Quality Report, Warrenville, May 5, 2025

IEPA contacted Stormwater Management regarding a report they received of a facility washing out dirty tankers into the street in Warrenville. Stormwater staff inspected and found no evidence of washing activities. As an added precaution, Village staff spoke with the owner and discussed best management practices to avoid impacts to storm sewers or waterways.