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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stormwater Management Planning Committee

FROM: Mary Beth Falsey, Stormwater Management

SUBJECT: Quarterly Spill Response Report

DATE: August 20, 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 3rd quarter of 2025, the following spill events occurred and were responded to:

Motor Oil, Unincorporated West Chicago, May 19, 2025

An unincorporated resident contacted Stormwater Management regarding motor oil in a ditch. Staff responded to the site and found that motor oil had been dumped into stormwater inlet upstream. Oil booms and absorbents were deployed in the ditch. These were inspected and replaced until the oil was removed. A responsible party could not be identified. Notifications were sent to several upstream properties near the affected inlet along with information on illicit discharges and the impact to waterways to prevent any reoccurrence.

Petroleum Spill, Itasca, July 18, 2025

The Village of Itasca contacted Stormwater Management regarding a vehicle accident leading to a truck fire and petroleum spill. The accident occurred on an IDOT road, but the spill affected Itasca storm sewer and a pond downstream. Stormwater staff coordinated with Itasca and IEPA on remediation and cleanup.

Fuel Spill, West Chicago, July 31, 2025

Stormwater Management received a Hazardous Materials Incident Report of a diesel fuel spill from a vehicle collision on an IDOT roadway in West Chicago. The spill flowed to a property in West Chicago. Staff coordinated with West Chicago and IEPA to ensure proper cleanup and no release into downstream waterways.