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Lake City wastewater discharge in Calhoun County may end today

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LAKE CITY—Thursday morning, officials in Lake City reported wastewater overflowing from a manhole on the northwest side of town near the cemetery.

The ongoing discharge began overnight when a pump failed and a pumping station flooded. An estimated 5,500 gallons per hour of untreated wastewater is flowing from the manhole to Lake Creek south of the bridge crossing on County Road N37. Lake Creek runs about four miles downstream to the North Raccoon River.

Officials hope to end the discharge by pumping wastewater to the lagoon once a portable pump arrives this afternoon.

DNR recommends keeping children and pets away from the creek for 24 to 48 hours after the discharge ends. Downstream farmers should find an alternative source of drinking water for livestock.

The DNR will continue to monitor the situation and provide technical assistance, and consider enforcement action if it's appropriate.

DNR investigating fish kill south of Le Mars

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LE MARS—The DNR received a call about a fish kill in a small stream on the west side of Le Mars this morning.

The creek is less than 0.25 miles from the Floyd River.

A DNR staffer from Spencer is en route to the Plymouth County city. DNR will collect water samples and look for the source of the fish kill. More information is expected tomorrow or late today.

DNR enforcement actions

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DES MOINES – DNR staff work with individuals, businesses and communities to help them protect our natural resources by complying with state and federal laws. This approach is very effective. In the few cases where compliance cannot be achieved, the DNR issues enforcement actions. The following list summarizes recent enforcement actions. Find the entire, original orders on DNR's website at www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/AboutDNR/EnforcementActions.aspx.

Consent Orders

A consent order is issued as an alternative to issuing an administrative order. A consent order indicates that the DNR has voluntarily entered into a legally enforceable agreement with the other party.

Allamakee County

Interstate Power & Light Company – Lansing Generating Station

Amendment to Administrative Consent Order No. 2016-WW-08: Amended compliance schedule to eliminate discharge of certain pollutants from wastewater treatment facility.

Muscatine County

Hilltop Road Association #1

Consent Amendment to Administrative Order No. 2016-WS-06: Amended penalty payment of \$1,500.

Story County

Harvester Land Holdings, LC

Cease illegal discharges to waters of the State, comply with storm water permit (NPDES General Permit No. 2), and pay \$3,000 penalty.

Administrative Orders

Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the order or 60 days to pay the penalty.

Woodbury County

Gary & Robin Holtz

Amendment to Administrative Order No. 2017-UT-02: Payment of \$500 penalty and outstanding tank fees of \$1,060 in recognition of good faith efforts to remove UST system at facility.

Kossuth County

Joel McNeil

Amendment to Administrative Order No. 2005-AFO-24: Order rescinded administrative penalty. All other parts of order remain in effect.

In a separate action for Joel McNeil: Amendment to Administrative Order No. 2010-AFO-40: Order rescinded administrative penalty; minus what had been paid. All other parts of order remain in effect.