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DNR investigating four manure runoffs due to weather conditions

DNR field offices are investigating four manure runoffs in relation to a weather system dropping heavy rainfall totals that moved through the northern and northwest part of the state late last week.

Incident #1:

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Manure was reported overflowing a berm of a manure basin at Bar-K Cattle near Sioux Center. DNR staff observed the small discharge entering Six Mile Creek but was quickly dissipating as it entered. No fish were observed killed from the manure overflow into the creek. The owner of Bar-K Cattle set up a pump to transfer the excess manure to a second basin and stopped the discharge.

Incident #2:

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Manure was reported overflowing a berm of a manure basin at Rock River Feedyards near Rock Rapids. DNR staff did not observe manure discharging to a water source.

Incident #3: 3 - Jansma Cattle Company (AFO#61304)

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Manure was reportedly trickling over a berm at Jansma Cattle Company near Rock Rapids. DNR staff on-site determined the manure had discharged to a tributary of Rock River but the discharge has since stopped. DNR staff did not observe any fish killed from the discharge.

Incident #4:

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Manure-laden water was reportedly discharging from a storage basin at Mike's Wash Out, a livestock trailer wash facility near Granville. It was also reported that some of the manure had entered a nearby water source. When DNR staff arrived the discharge was no longer happening and staff observed no fish had been killed.

DNR staff will continue to investigate these incidents and determine any enforcement actions.



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