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Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Boise Regional Office
1445 North Orchard Street
Boise, Idaho 83706

March 25, 2019

Re: Sanitary Sewer Overflow on March 12, 2019

Dear Mr. Craft,

On March 12, 2019 the Operator On-Call, Aaron Ford, received a Sanitary Sewer callout from a Mr. Navarro at 9:32 PM. Mr. Navarro stated he noticed his toilet, sink, and bathtub would not drain as of 7:30 PM of that same day. The location of the reported backup was:

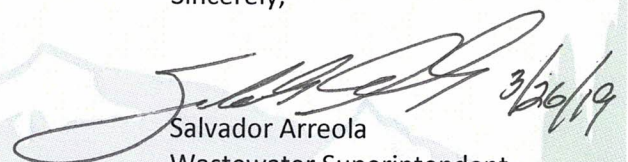
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Upon arrival at the potential backup location, the operator attempted to jet clean the sewer line when approximately 22 feet upstream from manhole number 152, he hit an obstruction. When he retrieved the rodder he noticed fresh appearing dirt, and both large and small pieces of gravel. He proceeded to camera the line and observed that the 8 inch line had completely collapsed over a 7 foot section, and was filled in with dirt and gravel. The line joint was dug up and replaced within 6 hours (by approximately 12:30 AM on March 13, 2019) with the help of Pipeline Inspection Services, Inc., out of Nampa.

At the time, Mr. Navarro did not state to Mr. Ford that there was any damage to his residence, therefore the Operator did not believe the incident was an SSO, and did not report it as such. Mr. Ford did not observe the inside of the residence.

On March 22, 2019 the homeowner picked up a Tort claim form from the City Clerk, and stated he will be filing the Tort claim once he receives mitigation repair estimates from his clean-up service. The City is treating the incident as an SSO for this reason.

Sincerely,


Salvador Arreola
Wastewater Superintendent

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