



March 20, 2024

Tony Harmon, Superintendent
City of Caldwell
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Subject: Compliance Determination Letter – City of Caldwell Wastewater Treatment Plant
Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit ID0021504

Dear Mr. Harmon:

This letter is follow-up from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding the sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) event, reported by the City of Caldwell (City) via phone on March 4, 2024, and associated written report, dated March 6, 2024.

The City provided the following details regarding the SSO event:

- The SSO occurred on March 1, 2024, at 4:25pm
- The SSO occurred near 121 Hannibal Street at the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) I-84 corridor widening project in Caldwell, Idaho.
- The SSO occurred due to a subcontractor, employed by ITD, striking and breaking an 18-inch sewer line while digging the footing trench, resulting in sewage release into the footing ditch.
- Approximately 4,550 gallons of sewage were released into the footing ditch. None of the sewage reached waters of the U.S.
- City crews repaired the damaged sewer line and are currently working with the contractors for a more permanent fix.

This letter serves to notify the City that a separate single event violation has been recorded for the SSO event as overflow to dry land in association with the SSO event. Based upon the City's mitigation of the SSO event, notice of noncompliance to DEQ in accordance with Part III.G of Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit ID0021504, and information available to DEQ at this time, DEQ has determined that the City is currently compliant in regards to this matter. The receipt of this letter is documentation of this determination, and it is recommended that this letter be retained in the City's records.

DEQ appreciates your cooperation regarding this matter. DEQ encourages you to continue your compliance efforts; responsibility for compliance with the IPDES permit rests with the permittee.

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If you have any questions about the inspection, please contact me at (208) 373-0144, or james.craft@deq.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Craft". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Craft
IPDES Compliance Supervisor

c: Gus Betterley, Wastewater Treatment Plant Assistance Superintendent, City of Caldwell
Valerie A. Greear PE, Regional Engineering Manager, DEQ Boise Regional Office
Troy Smith, Wastewater Compliance Bureau Chief, DEQ State Office
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