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PAPOOSE LIFT STATION BACK IN OPERATION AS LEAK FIXED

Discharge into Mississippi River ends as force main to WPCP is back online

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The Papoose Lift Station is back online and that brings an end of the overflow into the Mississippi River. Jon Koch, Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) director, announced at 4 p.m. today (Feb. 12) that the repairs to the force main from Musser Park to WPCP have been completed, the line tested, and put back into service.

The pumps at the Papoose Lift Station were turned on at 2:30 p.m. today after the newly installed 26-inch pipe was successfully tested over the weekend. Flow was increased over a 30 minute period and staff watching the force main reported that it was functioning well with no leaks.

“The flow from all City stations were put in auto run mode at 3:25 p.m. and are running normally,” Koch said.

Restarting the Papoose Lift Station was key to stopping the by-passing of waste into the Mississippi River which has been going on since early November when a leak in the force main was detected at the intersection of Day, Birch, and Nebraska streets.

The City of Muscatine worked with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to formalize a plan to fix the leak and Haggerty Earthworks was given the task to complete the work. The WPCP lab continues to monitor the area.

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A non-functioning valve was discovered at the Schley Station but the overflow from that station flows to the Miles Lift Station which is flowing to the treatment plant. Koch said that the Schley Station will be connected this week.

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