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PUBLIC NOTICE- OVERFLOW OF UNTREATED WASTEWATER AT TOLIVER & INDUSTRIAL

There is no danger to the public, this spill was relatively minor and was contained in a small portion of the City's storm system, which was thoroughly mitigated by River City Environmental.

At approximately 6pm on July 25, 2023 a contractor on the Roundabout Project at Toliver and OR-213 plugged the Toliver Sewer Main in order to relocate and replace the line. This was not authorized by the City and was in contravention of the approved plans which called for a bypass of the line, not a plug.

Approximately 5,000 gallons of untreated wastewater were discharged out of the system at two known points – 1) a manhole on Toliver about 50 feet east of Industrial Way, and 2) into the Ice Company located at 1320 Industrial. The discharge entered the storm system at Toliver and Industrial and was contained in 3 storm catch basins and the low point of an adjacent drainage ditch.

The overflow was contained to the immediate storm system and did not reach any other body of water. Signage was immediately placed restricting movement in the area and River City Environmental was called for an emergency clean up.

River City disinfected the roadway using a pressure washer and a diluted bleach solution. All affected storm mains were jetted, all affected storm catch basins were vacuumed and cleaned, and the drainage ditch was vacuumed and lime applied to the area. The City of Molalla has provided the required notification to and is working with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ").

The City is committed to protecting human health and the environment in all aspects of the wastewater treatment plant's operation. We are available at any time to discuss any concerns you may have. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Assistant City Manager

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