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Subject: Five-Day Report for November 3, 2026, Sanitary Sewer Overflow

On November 3, 2026, at 3:12 PM, City of Waterloo Waste Management Services Division Sewer Maintenance Staff were dispatched to the 2700-blk of Crossroads Blvd for the report of a Sanitary Sewer Overflow. Upon arrival, staff observed MH#24342 overflowing. When opened, the manhole was full of FOG materials. Sanitary main 4979-24342 was flushed, and the blockage was cleared.There is no estimate of discharged sewage amount. Bleach was applied to the roadway where the overflow occurred, and sewage warning sign #28 was placed at the site. A sample was collected, and sample results will be sent when available.

The location of the overflow is on the property of Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill, of 2780 Crossroads Blvd, Waterloo, Iowa. The incident was reported on behalf of Applebee's to Michele Smith of the IDNR, by CMOM Coordinator Brittney Rieger.

A prior SSO at this location was also found to be caused by FOG materials. The food service establishment will be placed on a remedial FOG maintenance plan in efforts to minimize FOG materials entering the public sanitary sewer from the grease interceptor.

Sincerely,

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