IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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September 6, 2019

Bryce Davis, City Administrator
City of Eagle Grove
210 East Broadway
Eagle Grove, IA 50533

Subject: **Notice of Violation** - Wastewater Bypass
Prohibited Discharge, IAC 567 - 62.1(1); 63.6(1)

Dear Mr. Davis:

This office recently received complaints from residents in two different neighborhoods of the City of Eagle Grove regarding sewage entering their basements during a rain event during the early morning of August 20. The City also self-reported a bypass of approximately 4 million gallons of sewage during this event.

Review of DNR files shows that the City has an extensive history of bypassing and basement backups (see attached memo). The DNR recognizes that fixing aging sewers is a difficult and expensive task, however, the City must make a continued, concerted effort to make sewer repairs that will reduce the duration and frequency of bypasses and basement backups.

To that end, the DNR would like the City to summarize recent and planned infiltration and inflow (I/I) work on the City sewers. By **November 1, 2019**, please submit a written response to this office with the following information:

1. A summary of the I/I work that has been completed on the City's sewer system in the last five years. Please include detailed information including dates, locations of repairs, and costs of the projects.
2. A description of any known, unrepaired I/I sources in the City's sewer system.
3. A summary of any I/I work that is planned for the City's sewer system during the next five years.

As you know, Subrule 567 IAC 63.6(1), prohibits bypassing from any portion of a treatment facility or from a sanitary sewer collection system designed to carry only sewage. The DNR intends to review your submitted report and determine if the City is devoting adequate resources to I/I work. Please be advised that if the DNR determines that the City is not devoting adequate resources to I/I work, the City may be required to submit of Plan of Action or the DNR may issue an administrative order, requiring the City to complete certain repairs to the sewer system.

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If you have any questions, or would like further explanation of any part of this letter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

FIELD SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE BUREAU

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Enclosure: Memo dated September 4, 2019

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