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Public Works News Release

Sewer Line Break at Bishop Canal

Some may have noticed activity near the end of Clarke Street at the Bishop canal on Saturday morning, 11 August. Early that morning the sewer trunk line that carries most of the sewage from the City of Bishop under the canal broke and allowed canal water to run into to sewer. City of Bishop and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) crews responded to repair the break.

By mid day Saturday the break was repaired and full flow was restored in the canal. Flows had been reduced in the canal while the repairs were being made. Sewer flows were unaffected during the repairs.

Although the results of tests on the water in the canal are not yet available, it does not appear that sewage was released into the canal. Any sewage that may have been released would be very small in quantity and massively diluted by normal flows in the canal. When considering the possibility of a small sewage release, it may be useful to consider the impacts of cattle often seen in and near the Bishop canal.

Agencies concerned with public health and protection of the environment were either involved in the response to the break or were informed and consulted afterward. These agencies include Inyo County Environmental Health, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Game. In addition to quick and effective action by Bishop and DWP crews repairing the break, the support of these agencies has been essential to the overall effective response to the break.

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