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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mayor Curtis McCall Sr.
City of Cahokia Heights
103 Main Street
Cahokia Heights, Illinois 62206
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Subject: June 14, 2022 Inspection Trip Report for City of Cahokia Heights

Dear Mayor McCall:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Inspection Trip Report that describes and documents the observation made by the EPA inspection team in the City of Cahokia Heights June 14, 2022.

EPA observed locations in the City of Cahokia Heights where sanitary sewer overflows have happened in the past and documented their condition on the date of inspection. During the inspection, EPA observed lift stations that were not secured with fencing and locks. Both situations are safety concerns for City of Cahokia Heights' citizens and personnel.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, or the inspection trip report, please contact Dean Maraldo at (312) 353-2098 or at maraldo.dean@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Bahr, Ryan

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Enclosure

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Purpose: NPDES SSO Inspection Trip Report

Facility: City of Cahokia Heights, Illinois

NPDES ID Number (No NPDES Permit): ILN000019

Dates of Inspection: June 14, 2022

Illinois EPA Inspectors: None

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Ryan Bahr, Manager, Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch Section 2

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On June 14, 2022, EPA staff members Dean Maraldo, and Joan Rogers traveled to Cahokia Heights (City) and observed locations in Cahokia Heights that have had previous Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) or where the City has to manually operate a lift station. EPA notified the City of the activities prior to the trip.

No photos were taken.

Table 1 describes the locations, times, and observations from June 14, 2022.

Table 1: June 14, 2022 Observations

<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Observations</u>
4200 Missouri Avenue Lift Station (previously named the Pocket Road Lift Station in EPA reports)	2:57 P.M.	The gate around the lift station was closed and had a chain around the gates, but it was not locked. The EPA Team observed that the water in the wet well was low and there was water entering the wet well from a blue pipe. This appeared to be the only water entering the wet well.
SSO from cleanout on North 82 nd Street	3:18 P.M.	The cleanout was not overflowing. The ditch leading from the cleanout was dry.
North 82nd Street & Bluff Street Lift Station	3:20 P.M.	There was no discharge observed from this lift station.

The EPA Team exited the City at approximately 3:30 P.M.