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Yosemite National Park  
P.O. Box 577  
Yosemite National Park, California 95389

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
D5039 (YOSE)

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
Attention: Dale Harvey  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, California 93706-2020

Dear Mr. Harvey:

A discharge of approximately 300 gallons of untreated sewage overflowed from manhole K6 by Village Drive in Yosemite Valley on September 29, 2004. The discharge was caused by a blockage of roots, grease and debris. The discharge was confined to land and did not enter any surface waters.

The discharge was discovered about 10:30 a.m., corrective measures and clean up operations began immediately. By 11:30 a.m. the pipe blockage was dislodged and the area was cleaned up.

The following people or agencies were notified of the discharge:

- ◆ Mariposa County Health Department / Dave Conway
- ◆ RWQCB / Joanne Kipps
- ◆ Yosemite National Park Dispatch (Case #04-4028)
- ◆ NPS Media Relations / Raye Santos

If you have any questions, please contact Utilities Facility Manager, Paul Laymon at (209) 379-1077.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Tollefson  
Superintendent

Enclosures

cc: Dave Conway - Mariposa County Health Department  
Jim Reynolds - Yosemite Valley Utilities Supervisor

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Dear Mr. Harvey:

A discharge of approximately 1,000 - 2,000 gallons of untreated sewage entered the Merced River on Saturday, January 8, 2005. The discharge flow originated from a broken 16" gravity sewer main between manhole 25 and 26 on Foresta Road between Barium Mine Road and Abby Road in El Portal (see attachment).

Due to an unusually high rain event the road was washed out exposing approximately 15 - 20 feet of sewer line. The concrete culvert box located directly above the pipe fell causing a slight pipe deflection which cracked the bell of the clay pipe. The leak was discovered at 7:00 a.m. and stopped by 11:00 a.m.

Sewage was washed down the hill with heavy rain run off approximately 800 - 1000 feet before entering the Merced River. The estimated release was based on the assumption that all leaking sewage reached the river. The Merced River was flowing at 659 cfs or 4942 gps.

California Office of Emergency Services, the RWQCB, and all down stream users where contacted and the Merced River was posed with signs at recreational areas to notify potential recreational users of the hazard (see attachments).

For three days analytical samples where collected above, below and at the site of the spill for comparative water quality data (see attachments).

Due to the urgency of the situation and the potential for further damage, an outside contractor was brought on site to by-pass the damaged section, and make necessary repairs. Enclosed is a copy of the *Spill Prevention and Response Plan* that was provided to the contractor prior to any repair work (see attachment).

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions regarding the discharge, please feel free to contact Facility Management Specialist, Jim L. Allen, at (209) 379-1039.

Sincerely,

  
for Michael J. Tollefson  
Superintendent

Enclosures

cc: Dave Conway - Mariposa County Health Department  
Jim Whitfield – El Portal Utilities Supervisor



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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
Attention: Dale Harvey  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, California 93706-2020

Dear Mr. Harvey:

A discharge of approximately 200 gallons of untreated sewage overflowed from a manhole behind the Administration building in El Portal on Tuesday, February 22, 2005. The discharge was caused by a blockage of roots. The discharge was confined to land and did not enter any surface waters.

The discharge was discovered at about 7:30 a.m., corrective measures and clean up operations started immediately. By 8:30 a.m. the pipe blockage was cleared and the area cleaned up.

The following people or agencies were notified of the discharge:

- ◆ Mariposa County Health Department / Brain Hodge
- ◆ RWQCB / Dale Harvey
- ◆ Yosemite National Park Dispatch (Case #05-405)
- ◆ NPS Media Relations / Scott Gediman

If you have any questions, please contact Utilities Facility Manager, Paul Laymon at (209) 379-1077.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Tollefson  
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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
Attention: Dale Harvey  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, California 93706-2020

Dear Mr. Harvey:

A discharge of approximately 100 gallons of untreated sewage overflowed from a manhole behind the El Portal Community building on Thursday, March 31, 2005. The discharge was caused by a blockage of roots. The discharge was confined to land and did not enter any surface waters.

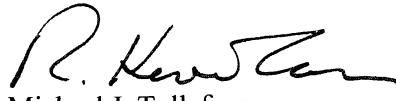
The discharge was discovered at about 7:00 p.m., corrective measures and clean up operations started immediately. By 8:00 p.m. the pipe blockage was cleared and the area cleaned up.

The following people or agencies were notified of the discharge:

- ◆ Mariposa County Health Department / Ms. Gibbons
- ◆ RWQCB / Dale Harvey

If you have any questions, please contact Utilities Facility Manager, Paul Laymon at (209) 379-1077.

Sincerely,

*for*   
Michael J. Tollefson  
Superintendent

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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
Attention: Dale Harvey  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, California 93706-2020

Dear Mr. Harvey:

A discharge of approximately 200 gallons of untreated sewage overflowed from manhole 3002 across the street from the El Portal Community building on Monday, May 23, 2005. The discharge was caused by an unknown obstruction, possibly paper. The discharge was confined to land and did not enter any surface waters.


The discharge was discovered at about 8:00 p.m., corrective measures and cleanup operations started immediately. By 9:00 p.m. the pipe blockage was cleared.

The following people or agencies were notified of the discharge:

- ◆ RWQCB / Dale Harvey

If you have any questions, please contact Utilities Facility Manager, Paul Laymon at (209) 379-1077.

Sincerely,

*for*   
Michael J. Tollefson  
Superintendent

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Jim Whitfield - El Portal Utilities Supervisor



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**MAY 02 2005**

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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Attention: Dale Harvey  
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Dear Mr. Harvey:

A discharge of approximately 500 gallons of untreated sewage overflowed from a manhole and pipe joint on F line at the Lower River Campground in Yosemite Valley on April 7, 2005. The discharge was caused by a collection system failure. The discharge was confined to land and did not enter any surface waters.


NPS crews replaced approximately 200 feet of line. This line is slated to be removed or abandoned in place at the completion of the Curry Village Utility Project.

The following people or agencies were notified of the discharge:

- ◆ Mariposa County Health Department / Brian Hodge
- ◆ RWQCB / Joanne Kipps

If you have any questions, please contact Utilities Facility Manager, Paul Laymon at (209) 379-1077.

Sincerely,

  
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**MAY 23 2005**

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
Attention: Dale Harvey  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, California 93706-2020

Dear Mr. Harvey:

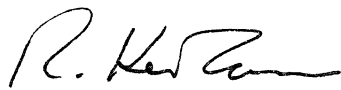
An estimated discharge of approximately 200 gallons of untreated sewage overflowed from the old comminutor manhole located at the intersection of Highway 140 and Highway 120. The discharge most likely occurred during the evening of May 16, when flooding in Yosemite Valley submerged portions of the collection system causing Yosemite Valley liftstations to intermittently cycle for short durations at 100 percent capacity. The discharge was confined to land and did not enter any surface waters.

The following agencies were notified of the discharge:

- ◆ RWQCB / Dale Harvey

If you have any questions, please contact Utilities Facility Manager, Paul Laymon at (209) 379-1077.

Sincerely,

*for*   
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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
Attention: Dale Harvey  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, California 93706-2020

Dear Mr. Harvey:

On October 31, a discharge of approximately 400 gallons or less of untreated sewage leaked from a temporary bypass line that was broken by construction equipment between manhole 49 and 50. The bypass line was located along Highway 140 parallel with the Yosemite View Lodge for the purpose of sewer line inspection and videoing. The discharge was confined to land and did not enter any surface waters.


The break occurred at 11:57 p.m., the bypass operation was immediately halted and the damaged section was replaced. Corrective measures and cleanup operations started immediately. This incident is being reviewed with the contractor to ensure full compliance with the spill prevention plan during construction and repair of park utilities systems.

The following people or agencies were notified of the discharge:

- ◆ RWQCB / Dale Harvey

If you have any questions, please contact Utilities Facility Manager, Paul Laymon at (209) 379-1077.

Sincerely,

*for*   
Michael J. Tollefson  
Superintendent

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cc: Dave Conway - Mariposa County Health Department  
Jim Whitfield - El Portal Utilities Supervisor  
Jeff Harsha - Project Management

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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
Attention: Dale Harvey  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, California 93706-2020

Dear Mr. Harvey:

A discharge of approximately 100 gallons of untreated sewage overflowed into a contractor's construction ditch between manhole D4 and D3A in the Yosemite Valley housing area on November 19, 2005. The discharge was caused by a broken sewerline associated with construction activities. The sewerline was repaired and returned to service. The discharge was confined to land and did not enter any surface waters.

The following people or agencies were notified of the discharge:

- ◆ RWQCB / Dale Harvey

If you have any questions, please contact Utilities Facility Manager, Paul Laymon at (209) 379-1077.

Sincerely,

  
Michael J. Tollefson  
Superintendent

Enclosures

cc: Korwin Kirk – Yosemite Valley Utilities Supervisor  
Jeff Harsha – Project Management



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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
Attention: Dale Harvey  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, California 93706-2020

Dear Mr. Harvey:

A discharge of approximately 700 gallons of untreated sewage occurred on April 7, 2006, 40 gallons on April 14, 2006 and 100 gallons on April 17, 2006 at manhole 27B, in the Yosemite Lodge area of Yosemite Valley. The discharge was caused by an accumulation of debris associated with a failing sewer line and a manhole replacement. The manhole and 400 feet of sewer line have since been replaced. The discharges were confined to land and did not enter any surface waters. The area was cleaned up with a vacuum truck and the area was disinfected.

If you have any questions, please contact Utilities Facility Manager, Paul Laymon at (209) 379-1077.

Sincerely,

*Michael J. Tollefson*  
Michael J. Tollefson  
Superintendent

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cc: Korwin Kirk – Yosemite Valley Utilities Supervisor  
Jeff Harsha – Project Management  
Dr. Mosher- Mariposa County Health Dept.