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### **City of Lowell flooding update.**

**Lowell, Michigan, February 22, 2018** – As a result of recent heavy rains, snow melt and persistent flooding, the City of Lowell’s Wastewater Treatment plant is experiencing extremely high flows. As of 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018, combined storm water and diluted sanitary sewer is being discharged directly into the Grand River to alleviate the Wastewater Treatment Plant from being overwhelmed. The release into the river was also to help prevent backups into basements. This issue also occurred in the flood in 2013.

As required by Public Act 451 of 1994 which governs this matter, the City of Lowell has notified the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Kent County Health Department and the daily news publication within the County where the discharge occurred and impacted. The City intends to comply with aspects of this statute and will provide a follow up notification when this matter has concluded.

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