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Sanitary Sewer Overflow Portage, Michigan

At approximately 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2021, an overflow from a sanitary sewer manhole was detected near 1700 Quaker Avenue, Portage, Michigan. The overflow was caused by a blockage in the pipe. The overflow situation was corrected by 10:30 p.m. on the same day. Before the blockage was cleared, approximately 9,500 gallons of wastewater leaked onto the low-lying, wooded area directly surrounding the Quaker Avenue Pump Station. The area was cordoned off and powdered lime was spread over the effected ground. No health impacts are expected from the incident.

For more information, please call the Department of Transportation & Utilities at (269) 329-4422.

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