

# U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 5 INSPECTION REPORT

**Purpose:** NPDES SSO Inspection Trip Report

**Facility:** Cahokia Heights, Illinois

**NPDES ID Number (No NPDES Permit):** ILN000019

**Dates of Inspection:** September 18, 2024 – September 19, 2024

**Illinois EPA Inspectors:** None

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

On September 18, 2024, and September 19, 2024, EPA inspectors Joan Rogers and Ellie DeMilt, conducted a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) reconnaissance inspection in the City of Cahokia Heights and observed three locations in the city. One of the locations is a chronic SSO location and EPA planned to document whether it was discharging or had evidence of recent discharges. There had not been any rain within the last 24 hours before the observations.

This trip report summarizes the inspection observations. The following personnel were involved in the inspection:

EPA Inspectors:

Joan Rogers, Inspector/Enforcement Officer  
Ellie DeMilt, Inspector/Enforcement Officer

## **II. INSPECTION ACTIVITY SUMMARY**

September 18, 2024

### Location #1: Cleanout on North 82<sup>nd</sup> Street

EPA inspectors arrived at the cleanout overflow location on North 82<sup>nd</sup> Street at 2:03 P.M. The cleanout was not discharging. EPA observed toilet paper on top of the cleanout pipe. EPA did not take a photograph.

### Location #2: Cahokia Heights Manhole at North 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Ridge Avenue

EPA observed the manhole at North 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Ridge Avenue, which is the last sanitary sewer along North 82<sup>nd</sup> Street before the sewage flows into East St. Louis' Dayline Track Sewer. There was no discharge of sewage from the manhole and EPA observed that the manhole cover was lifted off the manhole and there were wires coming out of it. There was a barricade horse over the manhole.



1: P9180023

Description: Cahokia Heights manhole at 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Ridge Avenue is open with wires hanging out of it.

Location: Manhole at North 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Ridge Avenue.

Camera Direction: Down.

Date/Time: September 18, 2024/3:08 P.M.

September 19, 2024

Location #3: Roadside Drainage Ditch on North 80<sup>th</sup> Street

EPA drove to observe the ditch along 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Canal One.



2: P9190069

Description: The ditch on the northwest side of North 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Canal One.

Location: North 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Canal One.

Camera Direction: Northeast.

Date/Time: September 19, 2024/9:58 A.M.



3: P9190070

Description: The ditch on the northwest side of North 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Canal One.

Location: North 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Canal One.

Camera Direction: Southwest.

Date/Time: September 19, 2024/9:59 A.M.



4: P9190071

Description: A culvert under North 80<sup>th</sup> Street that transports stormwater from the northwest side of the road to the southeast side of the road.

Location: North 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Canal One.

Camera Direction: South.

Date/Time: September 19, 2024/9:59 A.M.