City of Springfield
Water Pollution Control Section
Pollution Complaint/Report Form

Date 1-30-89

Report From:
- [x] Citizen
- [ ] Fire Dept
- [ ] Sewer Maintenance
- [ ] Other

Received By: Joyce Sorg
Referred To: Richard Chandler
Date of Incident: constant flow

Complainant Information:
Name Louise Wienckowski
Address
Phone 865-9903 (work)

Responsible Party Information:
Name 7 Oaks Apartments
Address 635 E. Calhoun
Phone

Directions(if needed)

Possible contamination of: [ ] soil [ ] groundwater
[ ] surface water what body?
[ ] other

Other Pertinent Information James Holland owns the apartment. He lives in Boston. Debco Management (2135 E. Sunshine - 881 3216) manages the apartment house for him: John Rader (864-5849, after 3:30) is the apartment manager.

Who to contact:

[ ] DNR 417-883-4033	[ ] Bob Schaefer	[ ] Sewer Const
[ ] DNR 314-634-2436	[ ] CU 831-8320	[ ] Chemtrec 800-424-9300
[ ] EPA 913-236-3378	[ ] Street Dept	[ ] DOT
[ ] Fire Dept 864-1719	[ ] Health Dept	[ ] NRC 312-790-5500
[ ] Police Dept 864-1719	[ ] Sewer Maint	[ ] Other

Details of Incident: Louise Wienckowski called about the water that runs constantly down the street on Summit. She said it originates at the 7 Oaks Apts on Calhoun. She said it runs at least 6 months out of the year and smells bad. She wants to know where its coming from. She called the Health Department first and they told her to call us.

Action needed: Find out where water is coming from.

635 E. CALHOUN

Investigation Results

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I went to the apartments and saw a spot on the parkway (on Summit) where the water surfaces. I dug around with a shovel and saw a partially buried 2" clay pipe in the ground. It was broken where the water surfaces. After I cleared the leaves an dirt off of it the water flowed out of it more freely. There was quite a bit of water coming out at this spot and the stream was steady. The water was very clear. There was a faint sulfide odor in the area, but there were also a lot of wet decaying leaves over the pipe. I went into the lower level of the apartment and looked around. I found a laundry room and a furnace room, but couldn't find a sump pump. I put some green dye in the laundry room sink and flushed it down (I checked 3 times during the day but the dye never came out of clay pipe. I called Debco, but they didn't know anything about where a sump pump might be. They suggested I call John Rader, which I did after 3:30. He also didn't know where a sump pump might be. He said he had been up on the roof of the apartments but there was no pipe to the ground. I called Debco back and asked if they knew who owned the apartments before James Holland. They said I would have to talk to Judy Samuels, but she wouldn't be back until tommorrow. The woman I talked to at Debco said they had received calls about the water in the past, but they had never figured out where it came from. She said City Utilities had been out there and looked at it, and assured them it was nothing to worry about.

2/9/89 This afternoon I met Bill Kinney of Debco at the apartments. Mr. Kinney does maintenance there. I went up on the roof and looked all around, but didn't see any roof drains. We crawled under the building in the crawlspace to see if there was a sump pump. We went past the point where the pipe was but didn't see a sump pump. I put dye in the laundry room sink again, but it didn't come out. Bill thinks that the water is coming from footing drains. He showed me a clay elbow that goes into the ground about 15' from the pipe that drains into the street. He thinks maybe there are several of these pipes that drain to one point. He said when the weather gets better he will do some digging because he wants to fix the clay drainpipe where it's broken. I gave him a card and he said he'll call. I called Louise Wienekowski and told her we were almost sure that the water was coming from footing drains. I told her I'd call her back if we found out differently.