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

Date 1-2-91

Report From:
- ☐ Citizen
- ☒ Fire Dept Dale Bittle, Lee Iler
- ☐ Sewer Maintenance
- ☒ Other Joe Harmon, Health Department 1664

Received By: Bob Corson
Referred To: Karen Chandler
Date of Incident: 12-30-90

Complainant Information:
Name Robert L. Strick
Address 324 S Prince Lane
Phone 869-6434

Responsible Party Information:
Name Henry Transportation
Address 3045 E. Elm
Phone 866-7044

Directions (if needed) Lee Iles said Henry Transportation is near crest of street and flow from his lot goes toward Strick house.

Possible contamination of: ☒ soil ☐ groundwater ☒ surface water what body? ☐ other

Other Pertinent Information Lee Iler asked employees of Henry Transportation if they had any underground tanks, and they said they didn't.
Lee Iles - will be on duty again 1-4-91, Station #3, 8837440

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 Lee Iles was called about a diesel fuel smell at 324 S Prince Lane. He saw oil in the drainage ditch in front of the house and traced it back to Henry Transportation. He said there are two driveways at Henry. The one on the north side of Elm had fuel boxing out of every seam. The grassy area next to the west driveway had pools of water with fuel on top of them. The storm ditch in the street was full of water with fuel on top of it. Five or six of the seams in the street had oil boxing out of them. The dock slopes down to the building and a sump pump pumps storm water to the street. Captain Iles saw no sign of oil in the sump pump area or in the sewer manhole in the right-of-way

Action needed:
Check area and refer to DNR

3045 E. Elm

Investigation Results

1-2-91 I talked to Mrs Stick at 324 S. Prence Lane, because there was so much snow and ice on the ground I couldn't see anything. She said the only water had run across their backyard and down the storm ditch in the front of the house. She said they called city first and then the fire department about the problem Saturday. She said she had also talked to an "environmental person" who told her if the City didn't do anything about the problem that they (the Stricks) could sue the fire department and the City. I asked her who she talked to. She wasn't sure what agency this person was from and his name was "Bonham or something like that". I told her I would look around and call her back tomorrow. I went to Henry Transportation and walked and drove all around the building, but there was too much ice and snow on the ground to see anything at all. I couldn't find any manholes. I could see the pump area and the discharge pipe to the ditch. They didn't look oily. When I got back to the office I asked Sandy Inman about the situation. He said I should probably look around again when the ditch and lot thawed. He also said DNR should be informed about the problem. I called DNR and talked to Judy Bell about the problem.

1-3-91 I called Joe Harmon in the morning and told him what I had found out. I called Mr Stick. He said the oily water had also flowed across his neighbors' yards. I explained that there wasn't much we could do because the problem wasn't in the sewer and that I had referred the problem to DNR. He said he has had a lot of problems with oil not onto his property and had talked to several different people in public works about the problem. He said he just wanted someone to check out the problem and get back to him.