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

Date 11-15-93

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

Received By: Julie Boswell
Referred To: Gene Pabst & Jason Chandler
Date of Incident: 11-15-93

Complainant Information:
Name Mr. & Mrs. Buff
Address 1616 S. Fremont
Phone 881-4725
Directions(if needed)

Responsible Party Information:
Name
Address
Phone

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

Other Pertinent Information

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: Mrs Buff called about a strange odor coming up through the basement floor drain. She thought it smelled like paint thinner.

Action needed: Check floor drain with Neotronics meter. Julie called Biff West to check the line.

1616 S. Fremont

Investigation Results

Gene & I went to the Buffs house and checked the floor drain in the basement with the combustible meter. We couldn't really smell anything in the basement but the drain. Gene didn't get any readings out of the ordinary for any of the parameters on the meter. He also noticed the the cleanout plug in the floor drain was missing and strongly recommended that they replace it. As I was coming down the basement stairs I got a faint whiff of natural gas. I suggested they call C.G. and have them check the basement area. We then opened MH 45 (see map T-12) to see if we could smell any kind of odor out of the ordinary. It just smelled like a sewer. We went back & told the Buffs what we found. Mrs. Buff told Gene that her husband was out of town for a day for the floor drain. We called Buff on the radio & told him he didn't need to come out because the sewer appeared to be flowing OK and we couldn't detect any strange odors