

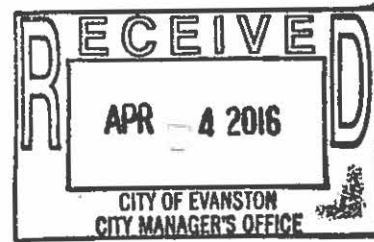


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March 31, 2016

Walter Bobkiewicz, City Manager
City of Evanston
2100 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201



Re: Evanston (IL0310810)

Dear Mr. Bobkiewicz:

The purpose of this correspondence is to follow-up on a letter that was sent to you under my signature October 1, 2015, enclosed. The purpose of my previous correspondence was to heighten the City of Evanston's (City's) awareness regarding the regulatory requirements with respect to water mains that could be vulnerable to hydrocarbon contamination.

Pursuant to Section 19 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/1), the Illinois EPA requests that the City report within 15 days of receipt of this letter if it, through operation of the water distribution system, has replaced or repaired any water mains discovered within 25 feet of areas contaminated by hydrocarbons since October 1, 2015.

Your correspondence should be directed to my attention at the following address:

Attn. W. David McMillan, P.G.
Manager, Division of Public Water Supplies
Mail Code #13
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Sincerely,

W. David McMillan, P.G.
Manager, Division of Public Water Supplies
Bureau of Water

cc. David Stoneback, Utilities Director, City of Evanston, 555 Lincoln St., Evanston, IL 60201
Jeffery Jeep, L.L.C., 3023 N. Clark Street, #214, Chicago, IL 60657
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LISA BONNETT, DIRECTOR

October 1, 2015

Walter Bobkiewicz, City Manager
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Evanston, IL 60201

Re: Evanston (IL0310810)

Dear Mr. Bobkiewicz:

The purpose of this correspondence is to follow-up on a letter that was copied to Marcia Willhite, Chief of the Bureau of Water, from Mr. Jeffery Jeep. This document indicated that the City of Evanston (City) encountered contamination during routine water main repair work on its distribution system. The correspondence indicates that a portion of water main, described as the Dodge Avenue Water Line, was allegedly contaminated and abandoned.

The actions taken by the City to protect the water supply distribution system appear appropriate based upon the information made available by Mr. Jeep. With this said, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency does wish to provide additional guidance to the City with respect to future water main replacement that may be necessary.

All water mains must be protected from hydrocarbons (35 IAC 653.119(f)). At a minimum, future construction permit applications, in areas that may be ascertained to be vulnerable to contamination, must propose the use of ductile iron water main with either nitrile rubber gaskets or fluoroelastomer rubber gaskets (Vitron®) for a distance of at least 25 feet from any petroleum pipeline or contaminated soil.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me at 217-524-8111.

Sincerely,

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