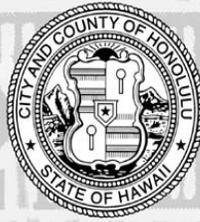


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WASTEWATER AT 909 KAPIOLANI

(Saturday, October 10, 2009) – Paper towels, a mop head and a toy doll’s long hair caused a sanitary sewer overflow of a non-City manhole today at 909 Kapiolani.

The City’s Department of Environmental Services received the call at 10:41 a.m., arrived at the scene at 11:35 a.m., and secured the area at 1:35 p.m. Approximately 4,950 gallons of raw sewage reached a storm drain on Waimanu Street, which leads to Kewalo Basin. The overflow came out of a private manhole on the backside of the property. ENV assisted the private residence with Vactor trucks that were able to recover another 3,500 gallons before it reached the storm drain..

The state Department of Health was notified. ENV crews cleaned, disinfected and deodorized the area surrounding the overflow and begun signing and water sampling.

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