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McMurry Stadium turf glue runoff & clean-up

ABILENE, Texas – The City of Abilene anticipates it will be at least a week before it can close its file into the white liquid discharge coming from McMurry’s Wilford Moore Stadium this weekend. That’s when the City anticipates receiving a final report from Field Turf, the company installing a new turf at Moore Stadium. Once that report is delivered, the City will evaluate the clean-up work, and determine if the file can be closed.

Friday morning the City of Abilene’s Stormwater Services Division was notified of the white liquid discharge flowing down South 14th Street, and ultimately into Catclaw Creek. Upon investigation and communication with McMurry University, it was learned that the discharge is a dilution of a non-hazardous glue that was used to reinforce the turf during its installation on Monday, December 10. The glue had not fully dried by the time wet weather arrived last week, resulting in the diluted glue running out from the field and into Abilene’s stormwater system Friday morning.

The City estimates approximately 50 gallons of the diluted glue was discharged from McMurry’s stadium. Stormwater Services Administrator Srini Valavala says Field Turf’s contractor was responsive, immediately hiring an environmental clean-up company to control the source and address the clean-up process.

“Once clean-up is complete the contractor is required to submit a final report to both the City of Abilene and TCEQ for evaluation and acceptance. Samples were collected by the City of Abilene Department of Water Utilities to help in further assessment. At this time, there is nothing to believe that the material or discharge is harmful to the waters of Abilene,” said Valavala.

Field Turf has hired County Waste Service to conduct the clean-up at Moore Stadium.

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