



TOWN OF SPEEDWAY

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Speedway Wastewater: Illegal Oil Dumping

(Speedway, Indiana) The Town of Speedway is asking for residents help in identifying the source of large amounts of industrial oil being illegally dumped into their wastewater system. Over the past month Speedway Wastewater has been working to clean up the contaminated water flowing into the wastewater facility, attempting to reduce the burden the oil is putting on the town's treatment system. "This illegal activity is causing a significant financial burden to our town as well as safety concerns within our plant itself," stated Mike Davis, assistant superintendent at Speedway Wastewater.

The treatment facility relies on microorganisms to absorb and break down the waste materials in the wastewater. These microorganisms require oxygen to stay alive. "The large amount of oil being dumped is causing a molecular breakdown of oxygen before it reaches the microorganisms. Because of this, we've had to supplement our natural processes by purchasing additional oxygen, which is costing thousands of dollars a week to maintain," explained Norm Berry, wastewater superintendent.

Mike Davis warned that there are serious consequences for these actions. The recovery of cost associated with this the oil cleanup will be charged to the person or business involved in the dumping. If the oil dumping is found to be intentional, criminal charges will be pursued against responsible parties.

Town officials have asked residents to call 911 if they have a tip. The illegal dumping appears to be happening in the early morning hours of the weekend. Town officials are asking residents to watch for suspicious activity and to contact the Speedway Police Department if they see something. It is possible that the person dumping oil is utilizing a manhole in a residential or hidden area.

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