

To: Public Water and Wastewater Officials (TANS list)

Title: Threat Advisory Notification System [TANS] Notice # 56

Purpose: To Forward Information about suspicious activity at the City of Kalamazoo water fields.

Distribution: Unlimited

Police report about fence and tank hatch unauthorized access and damage at the City of Kalamazoo water system.

-----Original Message-----

From: Babcock, Robert (DNRE)

Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2010 1:11 PM

To: DEQ-ThreatAD

Subject: FW: Suspicious activity at City water fields

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"a life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives" Jackie Robinson

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From: Harkness, James

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Subject: Suspicious activity at City water fields

All,

The attached email was received by the MIOC last night from Kalamazoo Public Safety. Please disseminate to ALL water sector entities. A security check of our water sector facilities may be warranted as this is the second event of this type

in less than a year. Additional information on the event will be disseminated as it is received.

V/R

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-----Original Message-----

Date: 09/07/2010 06:39 pm -0400 (Tuesday)  
From: "Mack, Jeffrey" <mackj@kalamazoocity.org>  
To: <mioc@mi.gov>  
Subject: Suspicious activity at City water fields

Please review and send out as necessary,

On 9-7-10, PSO Kalamazoo Public Safety investigated an MDP at the City water field at Blakeslee/Prairie. The Water Dept. found the fence surrounding the field had been cut allowing access. Further checking found a hatch to one of the tanks had been removed and is currently missing. The missing hatch allows access to 3.5 million gallons was city water. The Water Dept. also found the fence around the City water field on Dartmouth, in the Township, had also been breached. The access hatch to the tanks on Dartmouth is at the top of a 120 ft pipe. A lock had been cut, and it appeared the ladder to the hatch had been recently used. The Water Dept. has not yet checked the hatch to see if it had been accessed. The Water Dept. is also checking the other 15 city water fields, and will contact Public Safety if they find any additional problems.

The Water Dept. is testing the water from the Blakeslee tank, but some of the results may take days to get. The Blakeslee tank has also been isolated from the system until the tests can be completed. The Dartmouth field has not yet been isolated, nor samples taken, but will if the Water Dept. believes the tanks were compromised. KTWP has responded to the Dartmouth field, and will be completing an incident report.

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