

Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility
Agreed Order of Preliminary Injunction

The Stone County Sewer District has received an agreed order of preliminary injunction by the State of Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster and the Department of Natural Resources due to discharging water contaminants from the Box Canyon Watershed Wastewater Treatment Facility in excess of the applicable permitted limitations in Missouri State Operating Permit Number MO-0129470.

Background Facts

1. The Box Canyon Treatment Wastewater Facility is a facility designed and approved to handle 29,715 gallon per day (gpd) flow (current design hydraulic and organic capacity).
2. The District did not build or design the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility.
3. The District acquired the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility in July, 2012.
4. On June 7, 2010, prior to the District's acquisition of the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility, the previous owner/operator of the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility obtained approval from the appropriate agencies regulating the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility for 123,547 gpd hydraulic and organic capacity to flow into the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility.
5. Since its purchase of the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility in July, 2012, the District has not allowed any additional flows into the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility, since the *approved* hydraulic and organic flows exceed the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility *design* hydraulic and organic capacity.
6. The District has taken and is continuing to take steps to build and construct a new wastewater treatment facility, which will address the hydraulic and organic flows approved prior to its purchase of the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility from the customers of the Box Canyon wastewater Treatment Facility.

Corrective Steps being pursued by Stone County Sewer District No. 1

The Stone County Sewer District No. 1 is taking the following steps to correct the violation:

1. Proceeding with construction of a new wastewater treatment facility on such expedited schedule as may be possible given constraints of construction, bidding and applicable laws, rules and regulations associated with a publicly funded project.
2. Coordinating efforts to manage the existing Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility discharge with Department of Natural Resources offices in Jefferson City, Missouri.
3. Not allowing any additional users to discharge into the existing Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility unless such user was approved prior to the District's acquisition of the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility.
4. Daily monitor wastewater flows into the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility and pump and haul flows as needed.
5. Additions to the infrastructure of the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility have been approved and will be implemented to enhance the more effective and efficient operation of Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility.
6. Posted warning signs.

Actions you can take as a customer of Stone County Sewer District No. 1

Conserving your water use to eliminate nonessential flows into the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility. Reducing the amount of effluent flowing into the Box Canyon Wastewater Treatment Facility will reduce the strain on the plant and assist the District in addressing the situation. Be assured the District is addressing this issue as rapidly as possible. It is the goal of the Stone County Sewer District to provide quality service to its customers and maintain the standards required by law. We are continuing to take all actions we believe appropriate and necessary to meet those goals.