



Information regarding an upset:

An upset is a legal and engineering term to describe a sudden and unexpected event beyond the reasonable control of a wastewater treatment plant that prevents the wastewater treatment plant from operating properly.

Streams must have enough dissolved oxygen in the water to support aquatic life. The Siloam Springs wastewater treatment plant was designed and is operated to insure that discharges from the plant provide for the needed dissolved oxygen. The Siloam Springs wastewater treatment plant an upset on September 28 that prevented discharge from the wastewater treatment plant from providing that protection.

Regarding Substances and Possible Dangers to Humans and Livestock:

The discharge from the City's wastewater treatment plant was not of a toxic chemical, it was water that did not contain enough dissolved oxygen to protect the stream. The water released into Sager Creek was not harmful to livestock or humans.

Regarding Cause:

The September 28 upset was caused by an unauthorized discharge of high levels of pollutants into the City wastewater treatment plant. The unauthorized discharge has ceased and the City's wastewater treatment plant is properly operating. The City continues to investigate the cause of the upset.