

## **Black Rock Utilities Press Release**

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Black Rock Utilities, Inc. (BRU), located in Kootenai County, Idaho, is an Idaho Non-Profit, charged with managing the water and sewer systems in the area near Loffs Bay Road and Clubhouse Drive. BRU announced today that their operators had discovered a broken cleanout pipe on the main line leading to their sewage treatment lagoon. The break has potentially released up to 150,000 gals of untreated wastewater into a man-made swale near Loffs Bay Road. The swale's only function is to hold casual water in the area. The swale is estimated to hold up to 250,000 gallons of liquid and was only partially full at the time of the break. The location of the break beside the swale served to both contain and dilute the spill. It does not appear that untreated wastewater was released outside of the swale. After repairing the break, the water in the swale was chlorinated, and then approximately 140,000 gallons were removed by pumper truck to the Utility's sewage treatment lagoon for final disposal. BRU will contract a hydro-geologist to evaluate any impact on the surrounding land even though no wells are present in the area. The Department of Environmental Quality has been contacted, is apprised of all the findings and actions, and will be provided with written follow-up information, which is customary in events such as this. Contact Craig Harlen, General Manager Black Rock Utilities, ([harlencraig@gmail.com](mailto:harlencraig@gmail.com)) for further information.