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Tinley Park Mental Health Center main break hazard sparks public safety concern

The Village of Tinley Park today has become aware of a substantial leak within a quarter-mile-stretch of water main at the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center property at 183rd Street and Harlem Avenue that has so far spilled roughly 2.1 million gallons of water into the storm sewer and Midlothian Creek along Harlem Avenue. This amount equates to more than \$17,000 in water waste.

The Village recently cited the State of Illinois, which owns the land, for numerous code violations, including the presence of asbestos at the site. State officials responded that they were exempt from these violations.

“We’re incredibly concerned about the immediate health and safety risk this is posing,” Tinley Park Mayor Michael Glotz said. “There’s currently no means of fire suppression in the area of the main break should any disaster occur, and we’re concerned about the potential contamination this may cause to the nearby households that utilize well water.”

“I’ve sent 10 emails since late April to our State Senator related to the Tinley Park Mental Health Center, but so far I’ve heard nothing,” Glotz said. “I’m outraged at their lack of response and action. My first and most important duty is to protect the citizens of Tinley Park from hazards such as this, and I expect the State to comply.”

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