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RE: Sludge line leak

Dear Allen:

On the morning of April 23<sup>rd</sup> I was transferring sludge from digester #1 to digester #2. When the operator went to check it he found the line to be leaking and immediately stopped the transfer pump. We assessed the situation and found some sludge had traveled through the grass onto our railroad spur. We contained it at both ends with absorbent and called Roberts Septic to come and vacuum up the sludge. They vacuumed up 800 gallons of a sludge and rainwater mixture. There was some rainwater sitting on the tracks from the previous day's rainfall. This mixture was deposited back into #1 digester. We then covered the area with lime; fifty 50lb. bags were used. The leak came from a piece of metal pipe in the transfer line that had corroded underneath of the insulation. It is in the process of being replaced with PVC pipe. Any questions please call me at (302)934-3833.

Sincerely,

Bob Lynch  
Environmental/ Waste Water Supervisor