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The City of Post Falls reported an accidental release of untreated wastewater in the area of Polites Park and the American Baptist Church property adjacent to Ponderosa Boulevard. Craig Borrenpohl, Utilities Manager, reported the spill of approximately 250,000 gallons of untreated wastewater was attributed to a utility power outage, followed by failures of the on-site backup generator and automatic emergency notification system. The incident occurred about 8 am Sunday, April 21st and was reported at 8am on Monday, April 22nd.

City crews responded to the lift station and returned it to normal operation. They removed contaminated soils from impacted areas and disinfected the ground surface in the area.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has been notified. There is no immediate health risk outside the affected area, but citizens are advised to avoid cordoned off sections of Polites City Park until May 1st.

City staff is reviewing backup equipment and emergency operating procedures as part of the investigation into the cause and prevention of future incidents. Public health and protection of the environment are priorities of the Water Reclamation Division and the City of Post Falls.

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