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MWRD investigating damage to infrastructure

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is currently investigating damage that occurred to a structure connected to the Deep Tunnel at Veterans Park in Calumet City.

Around 8 p.m. last night, a cover blew off of the structure, and the surrounding earth was displaced, creating a sinkhole around the structure. The MWRD has secured the area and has started repairs. No injuries have been reported.

Approx. 1.8 inches of rain fell in an hour on the county's south side, an extreme amount of water in a very short period of time. An additional .2 inches of rain is expected at 6 p.m. tonight.

The Calumet Tunnel system was full as of 10 p.m. last night; this tunnel holds 620 million gallons of water and is part of the Deep Tunnel system which can hold a total of 2.3 billion gallons of water. Currently, the Mainstream Tunnel is 77 percent full, the Des Plaines Tunnel is 51 percent full and the Kirie Tunnel is empty.



In the photo: The MWRD is investigating damage to a Deep Tunnel structure in Veterans Park in Calumet City.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwr.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.