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DWSD EMPLOYEES SUSPENDED FOR ENDANGERING PUBLIC SAFETY

Thirty-four Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) employees who walked away from their posts during their shift at the Wastewater Treatment Plant were sent letters from Director Sue F. McCormick on Monday that notified them of their immediate suspension, pending termination.

The letters, sent via certified mail, informed the employees that, on Sunday, September 30, they engaged in gross misconduct that endangered public health and safety by unlawfully abandoning their jobs at the plant. The 34 employees are suspended without pay and their employment will be terminated effective October 10. The individuals were ordered not to enter on to any DWSD property and directed not to misrepresent themselves as department employees in good standing during the suspension period.

If the suspended employees wish to request a hearing to contest the reasons for suspension given in the letter and notice, they must do so by Friday, October 5.

DWSD supplies high-quality drinking water to Detroit and 126 other communities in southeast Michigan. The Department provides wastewater services to Detroit and 76 other southeast Michigan communities.

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