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## Sewers fouled; cleanup costly

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Workers at the sewer treatment plant that serves Amity, Douglass, Earl and Union townships are trying to determine the origin of a foreign substance that required a costly cleanup after it got into the sewer system recently.

"We had to have several thousand gallons of water pumped out down at our wastewater plant at a cost of about \$4,500," Amity Township Manager Charles Lyon told the township supervisors Wednesday. "And when you add in what it cost in labor we ended up spending probably around \$7,000."

Lyon described the substance as foaming and smelly.

The township is focusing on businesses in its search for the source of the problem.

"We're contacting several businesses which would utilize products which could cause this," Lyon said. "It's something we don't want to happen again."

According to Lyon, state environmental agencies have been notified and are monitoring the situation.

- By Dan Andrews