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**TO: NHSA COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS**  
**FROM: PHIL REEVE, COLLECTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR**  
**SUBJECT: PERMIT APPLICATION FOR FOG PROGRAM**

**DEAR VALUED CUSTOMER,**

**RECENTLY, YOU RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DR. RICHARD J. WOLFF, NHSA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANNOUNCING THAT THE AUTHORITY HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG) DISCHARGED BY COMMERCIAL ENTITIES INTO NHSA'S COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM. THIS COMMUNICATION PROVIDES FURTHER DETAIL ON THE FOG PROGRAM AND ITS REQUIREMENTS.**

**NHSA NOW HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOG MANAGEMENT IN THREE OF THE FOUR MUNICIPALITIES IN OUR SERVICE AREA: HOBOKEN, WEEHAWKEN AND WEST NEW YORK. THIS WILL ENTAIL PERFORMING INSPECTIONS AT FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (FSE). NHSA INSPECTORS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A GREASE TRAP OR INTERCEPTOR IS CURRENTLY IN USE, PROPERLY SIZED, AND CLEANED AND MAINTAINED.**

**FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN HOBOKEN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SUBJECT TO FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL RULES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING FOG. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT PREVIOUSLY THESE REGULATIONS MAY HAVE BEEN ENFORCED SPORADICALLY. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WILL IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM GRADUALLY SO AS TO MINIMIZE ANY BUSINESS DISRUPTIONS.**

**FSEs WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A FOG PERMIT FROM NHSA. EACH FSE IN HOBOKEN WILL BE PERIODICALLY VISITED BY NHSA INSPECTORS TO ENSURE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE. THE FIRST STEP IN THE PERMITTING PROCESS IS THE COMPLETION OF THE ATTACHED PERMIT APPLICATION. IT INCLUDES QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR GREASE DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND ITS MAINTENANCE. PLEASE BE CANDID IN YOUR RESPONSES. NHSA WILL NOT USE THIS INFORMATION TO LEVY FINES. IN FACT, WE HAVE IN PLACE AN 18 MONTH MORATORIUM ON FINES, GIVING OUR FSEs SUFFICIENT TIME TO ADDRESS ANY ISSUES.**

**THE PERMIT APPLICATION CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE AT NHUDSONSA.COM OR RETURNED BY MAIL TO PHILIP REEVE IN OUR HOBOKEN OFFICE.**

**AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED AND RETURNED THE PERMIT APPLICATION, PLEASE CALL OUR HOTLINE AT 866-689-3970 TO SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE.**

**SINCERELY,**

**PHILIP REEVE  
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