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TO: NHSA CUSTOMER

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SUBJECT: REDUCING FATS, OILS AND GREASES IN THE NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY SYSTEM

DEAR VALUED CUSTOMER,

RECENTLY, THE NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY (NHSA) ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MANAGING THE DISCHARGE OF FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG) BY COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS IN THE CITY OF HOBOKEN.

WHEN FOG IS DISCHARGED INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM IT CREATES A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE SYSTEM'S ABILITY TO CONVEY SEWAGE FLOW TO THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. IN EXTREME CASES, FOG CAN CAUSE SEWER BACK-UPS, BASEMENT FLOODING, AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES AT PUMP STATIONS AND TREATMENT FACILITIES.

ALL SEWER SYSTEM USERS NEED TO BE DILIGENT WHEN IT COMES TO DISPOSING OF FOG. FOR RESIDENTIAL USERS, OILS FROM FRYING AND OTHER COOKING ACTIVITIES SHOULD NOT BE WASHED DOWN THE DRAIN. FOG, WHICH COOLS IN THE SEWER SYSTEM, SOLIDIFIES AND CAN CLOG SEWER LATERALS AND SEWER MAINS.

WE WILL BE REACHING OUT TO ALL FOG PRODUCING COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES TO UNDERSTAND HOW THESE MATERIALS ARE CURRENTLY HANDLED. SPECIFICALLY, WHETHER A GREASE TRAP OR INTERCEPTOR IS CURRENTLY IN USE, PROPERLY SIZED, AND CLEANED AND MAINTAINED.

IN THE COMING WEEKS, COMMERCIAL ENTITIES WILL RECEIVE A QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE MAIL THAT ASKS ABOUT THEIR GREASE DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND HOW IT IS MAINTAINED. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THESE QUESTIONNAIRES BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED, SO THAT THE AUTHORITY CAN MOVE THE PROGRAM FORWARD.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL HOBOKEN FOG PRODUCING COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL AND IMPROVE SEWER SERVICE FOR ALL THE USERS WITHIN OUR SERVICE AREA.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PHIL REEVE AT PHILIP.REEVE@JACOBS.COM

SINCERELY,

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