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### Inspection of Grease Traps and Oil/Water Separator Tanks

The purpose of this letter is to inform all non-domestic sewer users who may discharge liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand, or other harmful ingredients that discharge into the sewer system that routine inspection and cleaning of grease and oil traps is required. **In the Raynham sewer system grease is a problem that significantly affects pipelines and sewage pumping stations.**

Accordingly, the Town of Raynham Sewer Department has implemented requirements similar to Title V Section 15.351 for grease traps that discharge to the Raynham sewer system. Title V Section 15.351 requires monthly inspection and cleaning of grease traps for on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems but the principle is also applicable to discharges to the sewer system.

Article III, section 6 of the sewer use by-law gives the sewer superintendent the right to require grease traps for all facilities from which grease can be expected. Article III, section 5 of the sewer use by-law permits the sewer superintendent to require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating these wastes.

Accordingly, the following grease and oil inspection program has been initiated to help eliminate the problems caused by grease and oil in the Raynham sewer system.

a. Raynham sewer department personnel will certify during periodic inspections that grease traps have been inspected and cleaned in accordance with Title V section 15.351 (2). The sewer department has adopted the inspection and maintenance criteria of Title V section 15.351 (2) as applicable for discharges to the sewer system.

b. The property owner must provide the Raynham Sewer Department with written documentation to certify that the grease traps have been cleaned whenever the

level of grease is 25% of the effective depth of the trap or at least every three months whichever is sooner.

c. In accordance with Article III, section 5 of the sewer use by-law, the sewer user charge for facilities with grease traps will be surcharged \$1,000.00 per year unless written documentation is provided to the Raynham Sewer Department.

d. Facilities from which quantities of grease are discharged to the sewer system will be requested to install a grease trap within 90 days. If the grease trap is not installed, the sewer user charge will be surcharged \$2,000.00 per year.

The intent of the grease and oil inspection program and surcharges is to encourage the routine maintenance of grease and oil traps. Surcharges also reflect the increased operation and maintenance costs attributed to grease and oil in the sewer system.

Individual sewer users utilizing external grease traps are also encouraged to evaluate independent companies that provide state of the art biological processes that reduce the quantity of grease and odors and the frequency of cleaning thereby reducing annual maintenance costs.

Please submit written documentation to the Raynham Sewer Department that the grease trap or oil/water separator tank located on your property was cleaned at least every three months during the billing period.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Raynham Sewer Department.