

April 8, 1998

Property Owner  
123 Main Street  
Any Town, USA 12345

Re: Disconnection of Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Source (Storm or Groundwater entering the Sanitary Sewer) at 123 Main Street

Dear Property Owner:

Over the last several years, many neighborhoods have experienced basement flooding during wet weather periods from sanitary sewer backups. These backups are the result of excess water flowing into the sanitary sewers primarily from connections on private property.

Inspections and testing by the Wastewater Districts and consultants have determined that your home has a connection that allows surface water or ground water to flow into the sewers (typically foundation drain sump pits, sump pumps, or outside area drains).

Although you may never have experienced wet weather sewer backups, the connection(s) in or outside of your home contribute to problems for your neighbors downstream.

Currently, the Wastewater Districts are rehabilitating the existing collection system of pipes and manholes and requiring disconnection and re-routing of any source on private property that contributes excess flow to the sanitary sewer system. Although some homes may have been constructed prior to ordinances being passed prohibiting these sources, their disconnection is a vital part of this sewer rehabilitation project. In the five years since this project was initiated, over 15,600 sources have been eliminated.

The Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. W.D. 85-96, which prohibits these connections, but provides funds to disconnect and re-route them. The costs of repairs or modifications to comply with the resolution will be included in the overall cost of the rehabilitation project.

**The following source(s) on your property require re-routing or modification:**

#### **Storm Sump Pump**

Estimates for rerouting or modifying the I/I connection(s) above should be submitted to the Districts by **May 7, 1998**. The work to reroute or modify should be completed by **June 8, 1998**.

1. If you wish to have a contractor perform the required work, please obtain estimates from any two (2) reputable contractors of your choice (note that two (2) estimates are required). **These estimates must be submitted to the Wastewater Districts for review before any work is performed.**
2. If you wish to perform the work yourself, reimbursement will be made for materials only.



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3. The disconnection must be performed according to Districts' standards and all applicable building codes to qualify for funding.
4. If the building owner wishes to select the contractor, and the preferred contractor's bid is greater than the lowest bid, the building owner shall be responsible for the difference in cost.
5. At the owner's option, the contractor may be paid directly by the Districts after inspection and documentation of work performed.
6. If the disconnection work requires approval from the City Building Code Authority, indication of City approval of the completed work will be needed prior to payment.
7. Acceptance of payment will include the consent of the building owner to future re-inspections.

If you have any questions, please contact the Districts I/I Inspectors by dialing 681-3200, and entering extension 2172.

Cordially,

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Wastewater Administrator

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Attachments

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