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SMOKE TESTING OF SEWER LINES IN SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK, VA (September 12, 2013) CH2M Hill, consulting engineers working on behalf of the Suffolk Department of Public Utilities, will be smoke testing sanitary sewers over the next several weeks within certain areas in the City of Suffolk.

Smoke testing involves blowing opaque-colored smoke through the sanitary sewer lines and private laterals to locate and identify deficiencies and improper connections that contribute to inflow and infiltration. The smoke used for smoke testing is non-toxic, harmless, and creates no fire hazard.

During the week of September 16, 2013, smoke testing is scheduled to be conducted in the area bounded to the north by Lake Meade, to the west by Meade Drive, to the south by Pitchkettle Road, and to the east by Route 58.

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During the week of September 23, 2013, smoke testing is scheduled to be conducted in six areas in central and northeastern Suffolk, described as: (1) the area generally bound by Obici Industrial Boulevard to the north, Hosier Road to the east, Highway 13 to the south, and Lake Kilby to the west; (2) the area generally bound by Bridge Road to the north, Windward Lane to the east, Bennetts Creek Park Road to the south, and Bennetts Creek to the west; (3) the area generally bound by Indian Point Road to the north, Highway 58 to the east, Pruden Boulevard to the south, and Kings Point Drive to the west; (4) the area generally bound by Ferry Road to the north, Knotts Neck Road to the east, Bridge Road to the south, and Bennetts Creek to the west; (5) a small area located southwest of the intersection of Nansemond Parkway and Bowen Parkway; and (6) an area generally bound by Mathews Lake to the north, Burbage Drive to the east, and College Drive to the southwest.

During the week prior to each smoke testing process, door hangers will be delivered to areas that are scheduled to be tested. These door hangers will describe the pending smoke test efforts. Residents do not need to be home during the testing. Contact information will be provided on the door hanger in the event smoke does enter a building. The Suffolk Department of Fire & Rescue will be onsite to assist condition assessment crews during smoke testing and to help answer public questions regarding smoke sightings that may occur in the area. Should smoke enter your home, the room should be promptly ventilated through an open window or door.

This testing will be ongoing for the next several months, and future updates including affected specific areas will be provided.

For more information, contact Craig Ziesemer, Assistant Director of Public Utilities, at (757) 514-7024. Additional information can be found on the Suffolk Public Utilities website, www.suffolkva.us/pub_utl or visit the project website, <https://suffolksses.managedsp.com/publicSSES/default.aspx>.

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