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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

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Deputy Commissioner

January 21, 2016

Resident
Hamburg, NY 14075

RE: Preventing Sewer Blockages through Proper Management of Fats, Oils, and Greases (FOG)

Dear Resident:

Recently the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) had to clear a sewerline blockage caused by fats, oils and greases (FOG) in your neighborhood. The sewerline that was cleared included residential connections from **Torry Drive and McKinley Parkway**. These easily preventable grease blockages can cause health, property, and environmental damage. For example, the belongings in your basement can be ruined by sewage backing up into your home. The blockages are also expensive for the DSM to clear. They consume taxpayer dollars for staff time and equipment.

In order to avoid the negative consequences of back-ups, there are several easy steps that you can take:

- **Pour cooking grease into a container to cool and dispose of in the garbage.**
- **Scrape food scraps into the garbage.**
- **Wipe FOG (which includes butter, mayonnaise, and salad dressing) off of your dishes and pans with a paper towel before washing them.**

Please keep in mind that running hot water to “flush” grease down the drain does not help the sewerline. When the FOG reaches cooler water in the sewer pipe it will congeal and cause blockages.

The enclosed brochure summarizes the program and the measures you can take to prevent FOG blockages. The brochure also has the link to our website with even more detailed information, including a short video.

We appreciate you working with us to make your sewer work effectively and to protect the environment.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Surdej
Industrial Wastewater Specialist

Enc.

cc: J. Fiegl / 3.2.4.FOG
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HAMBURG NY 14075

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139 TORRY DR
HAMBURG NY 14075

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121 TORRY DR
HAMBURG NY 14075

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99 TORRY DR
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83 ELLICOTT RD
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CHARLES E & SHIRLEY COOKSON
134 TORRY DR
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112 TORRY DR
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111 OLD ORCHARD LN
ORCHARD PARK NY 14127
(RE: 5818 McKinley Pkwy)

JOSEPH COGGINS
6863 PICTURE LAKE DR
HAMBURG NY 14075
(RE: 5844 McKinley Pkwy)

GARY PATON HOBBS
133 TORRY DR
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ROBERT & LINDA FERRARO
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148 TORRY DR
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126 TORRY DR
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127 TORRY DR
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