



TOWN OF AMHERST

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

ERIE COUNTY - NEW YORK

THOMAS C. KETCHUM, P.E. -INTERIM TOWN ENGINEER

January 6, 2013

Mr. Duane Stehlar
General Manager
Roto-Rooter
135 South Ave
West Seneca, New York 14224
RE: Grease Discharge

Dear Mr. Stehlar,

On December 30th, 2013, the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management was dispatched out for a grease blockage inside the sewer laterals servicing the 9400 Transit Road Plaza. On January 3rd, 2014 a dual inspection was conducted to determine the source of the blockage downstream from the plaza. Upon the restaurant inspection it was determined that Roto-Rooter was dispatched out to the plaza for blockages in September and November of 2013. During the inspection it was noted by the managers that no grease capturing device was utilized during the process of sewer cleaning. Unfortunately the Town of Amherst has encountered three other times of occurrence of lateral sewer blockage during jetting and/or hydro-flushing without grease capture.

In future reference, all fats, oils, and grease discharged during any sewer line cleaning and/or maintenance shall be captured. Any Food Service Establishment that has their kitchen grease waste lines, exit lines, or laterals cleaned by jetting or hydro-flushing shall capture the contents prior to discharge. All contents that are contained or removed must be disposed of by a waste hauler to an appropriate facility.

The Town of Amherst Environmental Control Division requires that Roto-Rooter implement a prevention plan to reduce the amount of oil and grease discharged to the sanitary sewer during jetting or hydro-flushing.

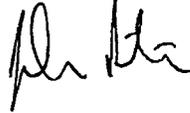
Per Section 160-6.B(3) of the Town of Amherst Local Sewer Law, the following substances and wastewater are specifically prohibited from discharge into the Town's facilities; Any water or wastes containing fats, wax, grease or oils, whether emulsified or not, in excess of one hundred (100) mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at zero degrees centigrade (thirty two degrees Fahrenheit); also, petroleum oil, non-biodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin, in amounts that will cause interference or pass through.

Handwritten note:
Item (c)(ii)

The Town of Amherst is committed to bringing all facilities into compliance with our sewer use laws and anticipates that your facility will cooperate in this pollution prevention effort.

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence or any issues related to your wastewater discharge, please contact me at 716-691-4331, extension 2.

Sincerely,



John Richter
Pretreatment Coordinator
Environmental Control Division

cc: Jeffrey D. Angiel – Assistant Municipal Engineer
Frank P. Fanara - Sewer Maintenance Division
Mario Albert, Town of Amherst Plumbing Inspector
Laura Surdej, ECSD # 5 N DSM
Rocco Lucente (9400 Transit LLC) 6388 Heise Rd Clarence, NY 14032
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