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Dear Customer,

On the morning of March 12, 2019 a large amount of gasoline or a similar petroleum product was dumped into the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority sewer system. Petroleum products are classified as “hazardous substances” and must be disposed of properly. Upon investigation, the contamination was found to have come from around your property address. All customers in this area are being notified that further contamination will be investigated fully and prosecuted. The Mount Pocono Municipal Authority cannot tolerate “hazardous substances” being disposed of into its sanitary sewer system.

Risk factors such as facility proximity to drinking water intakes, environmentally sensitive areas, the age of facility infrastructure (tanks, piping, etc.), concentration, or volume of pollutant discharge all can weigh in the factors of enforcement. Collected information will be based on citizen complaint, whistleblower policies, and right-to-know information as well as MPMA staff and documentation and witness accounts. A MPMA goal would be to limit or eliminate risks such as illegal connections and dumping. These undocumented flows can cause disruptions in service, environmental disasters, sanitary sewer overflows, or in this particular case, thousands of budgeted dollars spent in extra operational costs.

The Mount Pocono Municipal Authority does not wish to pursue an accident or mistake, nor do we ever want to fine or enforce any action on a member of our community. We need the public cooperation to keep the system running optimally. A matter of seconds could be the difference between a non-reportable incident and an environmental catastrophe.

If there is a known spill or dump please contact the sewer treatment facility as soon as possible at 570-839-7993.

**** Reminder – Only flush or drain fecal, urine, clean water, and toilet paper. All other substances are prohibited.**

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EPA Clean Waters Act of 1977 states:

The Clean Waters Act prohibits the discharge of oil or hazardous substances to waters of the U.S. or their adjoining shorelines in quantities that may be harmful to the public health or welfare or the environment.

****Section 309 A1 – Whenever, on the basis of any information available to him, the Administrator finds that any person is in violation of any condition or limitation which implements section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of this Act in a permit issued by a State under an approved permit program under Section 402 or 404 of this Act, he shall proceed under his authority in paragraph (3) of this subsection or he shall notify the person in alleged violation and such State of such finding. If beyond the thirtieth (30th) day after the Administrator's notification the State has not commenced appropriate enforcement action, the Administrator shall bring a civil action.**

Thank you for your cooperation,



Jonathan Klotz, Executive Director
Mount Pocono Municipal Authority