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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority (NBCMA) will be conducting **smoke testing** of the sanitary sewer in your area beginning the week of **October 14th and 15th, between the hours of 8AM to 4PM in the area of Langhorne Avenue and Bridgetown Pike.** This study will involve entering of manholes in the streets and utility easements. An important task will be to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system where storm, ground and other surface water may enter the sewer system. Removing these sources of water conserves capacity in the sewer system, reduces cost and protects the environment.

A special non-toxic smoke will be introduced into the sewer system. The smoke is specifically manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals or stains, and has no harmful effect on plants or animal life. The smoke has a distinct, but not unpleasant, odor. The smoke and odor only last for a few minutes where there is adequate ventilation.

Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some smoke may enter your home or place of business if:

- Vents connected to your building's sewer pipes are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers and other drains are dry, improperly installed, or missing.
- Pipes, connections and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under buildings are damaged, defective, have plugs missing, or are improperly installed.

To avoid smoke entering your building, please ensure that your drains traps are filled with water by turning on each faucet for 30 seconds or pouring a few cups of water down each sink, bathtub, floor drain, shower, etc.

Smoke coming out of plumbing vent roof stack is completely normal and is not a cause for alarm. All residents are advised that smoke should not be seen indoors. If smoke is entering your house or building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer system also may enter. This can be both unpleasant and dangerous, as well as a potential health risk to occupants. **If smoke enters your home or business, please ventilate the area and contact NBCMA at 215-357-8515.**

Our staff will be able to help and assist you as to where the smoke has entered your building. Location, identification and correction of the source of smoke entering your house or building is urgently advised. The correction of any defects in the pipes and sewer on private property is the responsibility of the property owner, and a licensed plumber should be consulted to ensure proper corrections are made.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us at 215-357-8515.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.