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Dear Resident:

The Village of Port Sanilac Department of Public Works anticipates conducting two-days of leak tests in the sanitary sewer system beginning August 29, 2018. A non-toxic smoke will be blown into the system to reveal leaks that allow storm water and other surface waters to enter. Locating and correcting these leaks will conserve expensive capacity at the treatment facility. A video record of leaks will be made.

The smoke is manufactured specifically for this purpose, leaves no residuals or stains, and has no effects on plants or animals. It has a distinctive, but not unpleasant, odor. The visible smoke and odor last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

The smoke should not enter your home. However, if smoke does enter your home any of the following items are the probable cause.

- The vents connected to your building's sewer lateral are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed.
- The traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers, floor drains, etc. are dry, defective, improperly installed, or missing.
- The pipes, connections, and seals of the building's sewer system are damaged, defective, have plugs missing, or are improperly installed.

During the week prior to August 29th pour water down ALL drains in your home or building to ensure that traps are full.

If traces of the smoke or its odor enter your house or building, it is an indication that odor from the sewer system may also be entering. This can be unpleasant, dangerous, and a potential health hazard. The location, identification, and correction of the source of any smoke entering your house is urgently advised.

The DPW can provide assistance in locating the source of smoke entering your house. However, correction of any defects in the pipes and sewer on private property is the responsibility of the owner. If smoke is observed in your home and the source is not readily identified or you have any questions, please call 810.622.9963.

Sincerely,

Larry O'Keefe,  
DPW Superintendent

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