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Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Program
Notice of Building Inspections

As part of the City of Newport's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long-Term Control Plan, the City is following up on sewer system improvements that were initiated in 2006 and 2007 by conducting building inspections. The building inspections are to identify sources on private property where rain water enters the sanitary sewer system. In some cases we will be inspecting properties to confirm disconnections that have been previously reported as completed to the City. In other cases we will be requesting access to properties we were unable to inspect in previous attempts. The inspection involves both internal and external building sewer connections. Building inspections are an effective way to locate and identify problems and defects with connections to the sanitary sewer system that can contribute to CSOs and decrease the existing capacity and efficiency of the sanitary sewer collection system infrastructure.

The building inspections will be conducted by the City's contractor, CH2M HILL. The CH2M HILL field crews will be using well-identified field vehicles and have ID badges. The inspections will take place Mondays through Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm and Saturdays, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

The building inspections will be occurring in the Thames St., Bellevue Ave. and Memorial Blvd. neighborhoods from October 19th through the end of November. The study area is mainly bounded as follows:

- Newport Harbor to the west
- Catherine St. and Touro St to the north
- Rhode Island Ave. to the east
- Webster St. to the south

Residents in this area will receive letters from the City's Department of Utilities with more information. For more information about the City's upcoming building inspection program please visit:

http://www.cityofnewport.com/departments/utilities/pollution_control/bip.cfm