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Department of Utilities

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**Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Program**  
**Notice of Smoke Testing of the Sanitary Sewer System**

As part of the City of Newport's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long-Term Control Plan, the City is implementing a smoke testing program to identify and locate sources of storm flow to the sanitary sewer system. Smoke testing is an effective way to locate and identify problems and defects in the collection system that can contribute to CSOs and decrease the existing capacity and efficiency of the collection system infrastructure.

During smoke testing, crews will seal off segments of the sanitary sewer and push smoke into the sewer pipelines with smoke blowers. Materials used to generate the smoke are **non-toxic, harmless, virtually odorless, and do not create a fire hazard.**

Smoke testing 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.

Smoke testing will be occurring in the Bellevue Ave. and Memorial Blvd. neighborhoods from October 20<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. The study area is mainly bounded as follows:

- Bellevue Ave. to the west
- Catherine St. to the north
- Rhode Island Ave. to the east
- Narragansett Ave. to the south

**Public Notification Procedures**

- Residents in this area will receive letters from the City's Department of Utilities with more information approximately 1-2 weeks in advance of the smoke testing.
- Door hangers will be left in areas to be smoke tested 24-72 hours in advance of the testing.

For more information about the City's upcoming smoke testing program please visit:

[http://www.cityofnewport.com/departments/utilities/pollution\\_control/stp.cfm](http://www.cityofnewport.com/departments/utilities/pollution_control/stp.cfm)

