

Smoke Testing

BWSC will be conducting a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (SSES) which includes smoke testing in the Dorchester and Mattapan sections of the city to identify defects such as cracked or broken pipe or improper connections to sewers such as catch basin and yard drains. Defects and improper connections allow stormwater to enter the sewer system that may result in surcharging during heavy rain storms. The testing is done by blowing an odorless and nontoxic smoke in the sewer. Defects and improper connections are identified by smoke leaking out from these locations. The visible smoke will last only a few minutes with proper ventilation. If there are no defects in the Commission's sewer system, then smoke will only be seen from the roof vents of each building.

Again, the smoke used in smoke testing is odorless, nontoxic, and is not harmful. – Daily notices will be sent to the local fire department and police department's informing them of the project boundaries

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