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RESIDENT/OCCUPANT
[ATTN1]
[PREMISE CITY STATE ZIP CODE]

RE: SMOKE TESTING NOTIFICATION

Dear Customer:

Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) is conducting an investigation to identify building and site stormwater connections or sources of groundwater that discharge into its sanitary sewers. The investigation is being undertaken in parts of Jamaica Plain and small sections of Fenway/Kenmore, Roslindale, and West Roxbury that border Jamaica Plain.

The testing involves blowing a white, harmless, odorless, non-staining smoke that leaves no residue into the sanitary sewer in the street and observing where the smoke leaks out. The smoke will not enter your house or building unless there are defects in your sanitary plumbing. If smoke does enter your house or building, do not be alarmed. Simply open the windows, the smoke will disappear quickly, and then notify the crew in the street that smoke entered your building. Prior to the testing, you can reduce the chances of smoke entering your building by pouring about a gallon of water down your sinks and drains. This water will accumulate in the trap (bend in the piping under the sink) and prevent the smoke from backing up into the building.

The smoke testing will be conducted by the BWSC's engineering consultant, Wright-Pierce and their sub-consultants Martinez Couch & Associates. Representatives of these firms carry BWSC photo identification and their vehicles will be clearly labeled with the company name. Field crews will be on your street within the next few months to perform smoke testing. Access to your residence or business is not necessary to complete this test. The hours for the testing are between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday. The Fire and Police Departments have been notified that testing is being performed in the area.

Smoke Testing Notification Flyers will be hand distributed a few days before work is scheduled to begin on your street.

For more information or to ask questions about the smoke testing, please call:

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BWSC appreciates your cooperation in our continuing effort to improve the sewer services in your neighborhood.

Yours truly,

John P. Sullivan, Jr., P.E.
John P. Sullivan, Jr., P.E., Chief Engineer