

Coplay-Whitehall Sewer Authority
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Dear Property Owner & Customer:

As you know the Coplay Whitehall Sewer Authority (CWSA) provides sanitary sewer service including transmission to and treatment at the Allentown Treatment Plant of the effluent originating from your property. The City of Allentown, the CWSA, as well as all other municipalities that discharge effluent to the Allentown Treatment Plant have recently been served with a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrative Order which requires elimination of all Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) and the elimination of all clear water from entering each respective municipality's sanitary sewer system. The Administrative Order carries severe penalties and fines if compliance with the Order is not achieved.

In order to meet the requirements of the EPA Order, the CWSA finds it necessary to conduct door to door inspections of all properties connected to the CWSA System to ensure your property is not contributing clear water discharges to the sanitary sewer system. Primary sources of clear water discharges include sump pumps and roof leaders that may be connected to the sanitary sewer system.

The purpose of this letter is to request your cooperation in helping the CWSA to comply with the EPA Order by calling the CWSA Office at 610-437-4461 ext 17, Jeff Gerhard, Operations / Field Manager to set up an appointment so an inspection of your property can be conducted to ensure that your property is not discharging or has the potential to discharge clear water into the CWSA system and can thus be eliminated as a source of clear water being discharged into the CWSA system. All properties connected to the CWSA System must be inspected and will be considered a source of clear water discharges until an inspection can be conducted. Inspections will be conducted in a courteous and professional manner and are anticipated to take approximately 15 minutes per property. Due to the anticipated number of phone calls after your initial receipt of this letter, please be patient if you cannot get in contact with Mr. Gerhard immediately to set up an appointment. Please leave your name, address, and phone number on the voice mail system, all phone messages will be returned as soon as possible.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that failure by the CWSA to comply with the EPA Order will result in fines and penalties levied against the CWSA which in turn will be passed on to CWSA customers through increased sanitary sewer rates. Again the CWSA requests your cooperation in helping CWSA to comply with the Order by making an appointment, so an inspection of your property can be made.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

David A. Harleman, Manager
Coplay Whitehall Sewer Authority

cc: EPA
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