

**Oneida County Sewer District  
CMOM Working Group  
July 24, 2014**

**I. FOG Best Management Practices Development**

Working group members were asked to provide feedback on a draft list of best management practices (BMPs) for foodservice establishments (FSEs). These BMPs will be incorporated into the education component of the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) program.

It was suggested that the cost benefits of adhering to best management practices be added (i.e., properly disposing of grease before the dishwashing process will decrease the number of times per year a grease trap will need to be cleaned).

It was also noted that emulsifying agents are against regulation as outlined in the current Oneida County Sewer Use Ordinance. This is because these agents will not eliminate the FOG problem; just push the possibility of a blockage further down the sewer line.

The BMPs will be simplified and used to generate educational materials including posters. These materials will be available for working group review and a subsequent meeting.

**II. Restaurant Database**

Each municipality has been tasked with developing and sharing an inventory of restaurants and FSEs within their municipality. In addition, those locations that are known to have FOG problems should be noted. Those that have not yet submitted their inventories should do so immediately to Cat Manion at [cmanion@paigegroup.com](mailto:cmanion@paigegroup.com).

**III. Additional Discussion**

Working group members discussed current property maintenance and inspection processes that FOG inspections may be incorporated into.

In municipalities such as Marcy, commercial establishments are inspected once per year. The number of FSEs varies from one municipality to the next, which makes setting a date to complete inspections difficult. There was a group consensus that inspections should begin with the FSEs that inhabit the geographic locations that suffer the most from FOG buildup within the sanitary sewer system.

**IV. Future CMOM Program Topics**

Working group members discussed future areas of focus for CMOM program development. As a result, it was suggested that the next Standard Operating Guideline to be developed could include a standard pump station inspection and maintenance protocol.

**V. Next Steps and Task Assignment**

- Complete FSE database and submit to Cat Manion at [cmanion@paigegroup.com](mailto:cmanion@paigegroup.com).
- Submit any additional Standard Operating Guideline or Design and Construction Standard suggestions to Cat Manion at [cmanion@paigegroup.com](mailto:cmanion@paigegroup.com).
- Next meeting: **August 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Marcy Town Hall.**