

**Oneida County Sewer District SSO Mitigation Project
CMOM Working Group Meeting Summary
January 16, 2014 -- Whitestown Town Hall**

I. Plans for 2014

The CMOM working group will work toward the following goals for 2014:

- Add five to six new Standard Operating Guidelines
- Add five to six new Design and Construction Standards
- Finalize Plan Review Procedures
- Continue the development of an effective regulatory Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) program

II. Update on Ordinance Status

The engineering team will review the town and village ordinances to identify two items:

1. What is the discharge limit for FOG? The Oneida County Sewer Use Ordinance allows for 100 milligrams per liter (mg/L), which is the equivalent of one teaspoon of vegetable oil per 12-13 gallons of water.
2. Who has the authority to enforce this program?

III. Use of Chemicals for FOG Dissolution

In previous FOG discussions, it was discussed that some foodservice establishments use chemicals to dissolve FOG. It should be noted that emulsification of FOG does not make it legal, and the discharge of FOG (above 100 mg/L) in any form is prohibited. Chemical addition is a temporary solution that tends to move the FOG problem further downstream. In addition, any substances being used must be approved by Oneida County in advance. It was noted that using too much of any chemical substance can have harmful effects on pipes.

IV. Fats, Oil and Grease: Problem Area Identification

The first step in developing the FOG program is to identify where the problem areas are. The engineering team is going to combine the feedback from working group members at the December meeting with information from the County's GIS system to develop a preliminary map of these FOG problem areas.

Additionally, at the previous meeting, the question was asked whether the Department of Health looks at grease traps or interceptors as part of their regular inspections. It was discovered that this is not a current part of the annual inspection process.

V. Draft Residential FOG Materials

Draft residential FOG materials including a trifold brochure and two-sided door tag were distributed to the group for review.

Working group members requested clarification to the “Recycle” section to make it clear that residents would need to bring their FOG to the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (OHSWA) facility, since these items cannot be recycled curbside. The public information consultant team will update this wording, and coordinate this aspect for the education program with OHSWA.

Working group members were asked to provide additional feedback to Cat Manion at The Paige Group via email, cmanion@paigegroup.com.

Additional foodservice establishment materials are being developed and will be shared with the group in the future.

VI. Private Property Inflow and Infiltration Problem Areas

CMOM working group members were asked to provide feedback on problem areas for private property inflow and infiltration (PPII) in their municipalities. Based on these discussions and ongoing discussions with the PPII working group, the engineering team will begin review of the suggested areas to analyze whether the area would be suited for a pilot program. The engineering team was specifically looking for areas with significant volumes of I/I from sump pumps, roof leaders, and other suspected sources.

Some suggestions of specific neighborhoods include:

- Sherrillbrook Lane in the Town of New Hartford
- Elm Street in the Village of Whitesboro
- Hartford Terrace and Hillside Avenue in the Village of New Hartford
- Adirondack View in Marcy
- Burr Avenue and Royal Brook Lane in New York Mills
- Willowbrook Lane in Paris

VII. Next steps and task assignment

- a. Please submit other problem areas as well as FOG materials feedback to Cat Manion at The Paige Group via email, cmanion@paigegroup.com.

VIII. Next meeting: Thursday, March 13 at noon. Location details will follow.

Attendance

Representatives from the following municipalities were present:

- City of Utica
- Town of Deerfield
- Town of Frankfort
- Town of Marcy
- Town of New Hartford
- Town of Paris
- Town of Schuyler
- Town of Whitestown
- Village of Clayville
- Village of Holland Patent
- Village of New Hartford
- Village of Oriskany
- Village of Whitesboro

Representatives from the following municipalities were absent:

- Village of New York Mills
- Village of Yorkville