



OPERATION Ripple Effect™

SIMPLE STEPS: BIG BENEFITS FOR THE MOHAWK RIVER

PROJECT BULLETIN

Normally, our sanitary sewer system has enough capacity to operate properly. But, when we get heavy rains or sudden snow melts, stormwater overwhelms the system and causes overflows into the Mohawk River. That stormwater runoff enters the sanitary sewer system from multiple sources: deteriorated and damaged public sanitary sewers; and private property connections, such as roof leaders and sump pumps.

Operation Ripple Effect is a program of the Oneida County Sewer District that asks residents, businesses, and municipalities to do their part to reduce overflows. Together, we can help keep the Mohawk River clean.



SIMPLE STEPS: "FLUSHABLE" WIPES NOT SO FLUSHABLE

"Flushable" wipes are convenient, durable, and especially helpful for potty-training toddlers. But, please don't flush them! While many brands claim that their wipes are "septic-safe" or "flushable," the fact is that these wipes do not break down. Instead, the wipes wrap around pumps and other equipment, resulting in expensive repairs. If you decide to use wipes, please dispose of them in the garbage.

MAKING PROGRESS:

DISTRICT MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN ASBESTOS TRAINING

Some sanitary sewer repair projects at the municipal level may involve exposure to asbestos containing materials (ACM) or presumed asbestos containing materials (PACM).

Because of this, asbestos awareness training is required for employees whose work activities may require them to come in contact with, but who do not disturb, ACM or PACM during their work activities (Class IV operations).

This potential for exposure during typical repair projects inspired the CMOM and PPII working groups to identify asbestos awareness training as a desired training topic for 2015.

All departments of public works, codes and/or sewer department employees from District municipalities were invited to attend the training, held Sept. 10 at Marcy Town Hall in Marcy.

In total, nine individuals participated in the training, representing the villages of Clayville and Yorkville, and the towns of Deerfield, Paris and Schuyler.

To submit ideas for future trainings, contact cmanion@paigegroup.com.



GET INVOLVED!

Fall is a busy time. School is back in session and community organizations resume their typical meeting schedules. Do you have an opportunity to display Operation Ripple Effect materials at an upcoming event? Want to host an informational presentation at your group's meeting? Contact the public information team via Cat Manion at cmanion@paigegroup.com.



Contact cmanion@paigegroup.com to schedule a briefing.
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