City Of Pacifica Grease Trap/Interceptor Inspection Program Audit 9-25-2019

The Division continues to inspect grease producing and potential producing establishments on a regular basis. The inspection schedule was reduced in calendar 2011 to biannually from quarterly as the non-compliance rate has been decreasing and we have added many outreach tools to our program. These tools include informational videos for both residents and businesses, numerous new pamphlets for the public. We have also made presentations to some large housing facilities that have been observed as grease producers.

Turnover of management and owners has been high in Pacifica and the education and the free maintenance logs the Division provides to the establishments have been and continue to be important.

In 2011 we hired a full-time Source Control Inspector who will be analyzing the program and making alterations as needed depending upon a review of the most recent industry standards. This practice has continued.

We believe our municipal ordinance dealing with regulating grease-producing establishments continues to be adequate and allows us the appropriate authority to limit the release of grease into the sanitary sewer collection system although we are open to modifications if the Source Control Inspector believes we have a deficiency after a review of industry standards.

In 2018 we gave the authority to our Source Control Inspector and our Collection System Manager to write administrative citations. Since that has happened we have issued 3 citations to non-compliant businesses. This seems to have helped our program.

The number of sanitary sewer overflows due to grease buildup was reduced to zero in the fiscal year 2018/19 period and none have occurred so far in 2019/20 as well. Finally, the CCTV inspection crew and the sewer maintenance crews are reporting a decreasing amount of grease buildup in areas of previous heavy deposits.