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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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CITY OF SEDALIA CONDUCTING SMOKE TESTING OF SANITARY SEWERS IN TWO AREAS OF NORTH SEDALIA THIS WEEK

(SEDALIA, MISSOURI) The City of Sedalia's Water Pollution Control Division crews placed door hangers on residences and businesses within two areas of north Sedalia on Monday, April 22, 2019 advising residents that the City will be conducting smoke tests of the sewer system on Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26, 2019, weather permitting. Smoke testing involves blowing air and smoke into the sewer system through manholes. Smoke testing is one technique used to identify structural defects or damages to sewer pipes or areas where there may be leaking joints in the sewer pipe requiring repair. Also, anywhere smoke exits, there is the potential for rainwater to enter the sanitary sewer system.

Specific areas where smoke tests will be conducted include:

- An area bounded on the north by W. Morgan St., on the south by W. Pettis St., on the west by N. Park Ave. and on the east by N. Prospect Ave.
- An area bonded on the north by E. Johnson St., on the south by E. Cooper St., on the west by N. Ohio Ave. and on the east by N. Washington Ave.

As noted on the door hanger, we are requesting those homeowners where someone in your home or business has respiratory problems and/or is immobile to please notify the Water Pollution Control Division at (660) 827-7830 prior to the date scheduled for testing. The smoke that exits the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground from smoke testing is non-toxic, harmless, and has no odor. It does not create a fire hazard.

To help us prepare for the smoke test if your home, including the basement and garage, has floor drains or if you have infrequently used shower or sink drains, you are asked prior to the test dates to pour a gallon of water into each of those drains to prevent smoke from entering your home or business through these potentially dry drains.

Homeowners do not need to be home while smoke testing is occurring and Water Pollution Control staff should not ask to enter your residence or business. Water Pollution Control staff will be documenting the testing, taking photos and measurements, so that any defects found may be repaired at a later date.

Thank you for your patience as we conduct these tests to ensure quality services are provided to our community.

When: April 25 and 26, 2019

Where: Two areas in north Sedalia identified above

Why: Smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system