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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 AND ONE AREA OF WEST SEDALIA NEXT WEEK

(SEDALIA, MISSOURI) The City of Sedalia's Water Pollution Control Division crews will be placing door hangers on residences and businesses within two areas of north and one area of west Sedalia beginning Friday, May 10, 2019 advising residents that the City will be conducting smoke tests of the sewer system on Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 and 16, 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 exists, 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. Johnson St., on the south by W. Main St., on the west by N. Stewart Ave. and on the east by S. Grand Ave.
- An area bounded on the north by E. Boonville St., on the south by E. Howard St., on the west by N. Hurley Ave. and on the east by N. Emmett Ave.
- An area bounded on the north by Stone Creek Apartments, on the south by W. 16th St. , on the west by Stone Creek Drive and on the east by Thompson Boulevard.

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: May 10 through May 16, 2019
Where: Two areas in north Sedalia identified above
Why: Smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system