

ANDES SEWER DISTRICT #1
P.O. BOX 85
ANDES N.Y. 13731

Dear Resident,

August 7, 2019

The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) anticipates conducting two days of leak tests in the sanitary sewer system beginning August 13, 2019. A non-toxic smoke will be blown into the system to reveal leaks that allow storm water and other surface waters to enter. Locating and correcting these leaks will conserve expensive capacity at the treatment facility. A record of leaks will be made.

The smoke is manufactured specifically for this purpose, leaves no residual or stains, and has no effects on plants or animals. It has a distinctive, but not unpleasant odor. The visible smoke and odor only last a few minutes where there is adequate ventilation.

The smoke should not enter your home. However, if smoke does enter your home any of the following items are the probable cause.

The vents connected to the building's sewer lateral are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed.

The traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers, floor drains, etc. are dry, defective, improperly installed or missing.

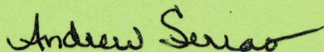
The pipes, connections and seals of the building's sewer system are damaged, defective, have plugs missing or are improperly installed.

During the week prior to August 13, 2019, pour water down **ALL** drains in your home or building to ensure that all traps are full.

If traces of the smoke or its odor enter your house or building, it is an indication that odor from the sewer system may also be entering. This can be unpleasant, dangerous and a potential health hazard. The location, identification and correction of the source of any smoke entering your house is urgently advised.

The WWTP can provide assistance in locating the source of smoke entering your house. However, correction of any defects in the pipes and sewer on private property is the responsibility of the owner. If smoke is observed in your home and the source is not readily identified or you have questions, please call (845) 676-3990.

Sincerely,



Andrew Serrao
Chief Operator
Town of Andes WWTP