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**RE: Start-up of the Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES) Project,
Sewer Group 1**

Dear Citizen:

In several days, the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management will begin its Sewer System Evaluation survey (SSES) in your neighborhood. City contractors' work crews will inspect approximately 300 miles of sewer lines, checking for breaks, collapses, blockages and other defects. Investigative methods will include 8,000 manhole inspections, non-toxic smoke and dye testing, building sewer service connection location/inspection, flow isolation, CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) inspection of sewer lines, temporary flow monitoring, measurement of rainfall quantities and pump station monitoring.

WHAT AREAS ARE AFFECTED BY THE SSES PROJECT

Atlanta's sewer system has been divided into 6 groups, called sewer groups. The sewer groups are labeled 1 – 6. This project has been designed to inspect the worst sewers first. Sewer group 1 contains sewers that are considered to be in the worst condition. Likewise, sewer group 6 contains sewers that are in fair to good condition. Your neighborhood falls in sewer group 1.

As problems are detected, City engineers will determine if the sewer lines or manholes should be repaired or replaced immediately, or scheduled for improvements in the future.

The attached map tells you what will be surveyed in your quadrant of the city over the next year. Your neighborhood is located in the shaded area.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

You can expect to see City Contractors' work crews performing inspections of manholes and sewer lines that run under city streets and roads. They will also be inspecting the manholes and sewer lines that are on private property, within the City's easements.

Partial street closures for short periods of time may be necessary, and some of the work will require the contractors to occasionally work at night or during early morning hours – periods when sewerage flows are lowest.

Doorhangers and other communication tools will be used to tell you when we are performing the various inspections in your neighborhood. Contractors will also contact you if the work involves them entering your home or property to investigate a sewer line, manhole or the service connection to your home.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

For more information on the SSES or other Clean Water Atlanta projects, call the CWA Helpline at **404.529.9211** or log onto the Clean Water Atlanta website at www.cleanwateratlanta.org, where you can view additional maps, monitor our progress, and get regular updates.

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve Atlanta's sewer system and ultimately improve the quality of your environment.

Sincerely,