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Dear Property Owner/Realtor/Agent:

Subject: Dye Testing/Lateral Televising at Time of Sale/Property Transfer

South Fayette Township Ordinance No. 401 requires that an inspection of each building in the Township connected to the public sanitary sewer system be done at the time of sale to determine if roof drains, sump pumps or driveway/area drains are improperly routed to the system. The inspection also attempts to determine if fresh air vent covers are accessible and in good condition and are not allowing surface water to enter the sanitary sewer during storm events. Authority personnel will also determine that sanitary sewer manholes on the property are not covered and are accessible. Testing is not required for refinanced properties, new homes that have not yet been occupied, or those properties presently utilizing septic systems.

Also, effective **on all property transfers that occur on or after June 1, 2007**, Authority Rules and Regulations require a video inspection of the sanitary sewer service lateral from the house to the Authority's sewer main. For new home transfers to the first owner, a video inspection is made by the Authority as a condition of occupancy and no further applications or fees are due. If a video inspection has been performed on a given lateral within the previous 3 years, there is no requirement to re-televis. However, the Authority does not warrant the condition of the pipe after the date of the most recent inspection.

Please be reminded that inspections are typically performed by Authority personnel. Video inspection of laterals can be performed by others at the expense of the applicant, but the work to be performed must comply with MATSF procedures and administrative and review fees will apply. It is recommended that these inspections be performed as soon as possible after the property has been listed for sale.

MATSF inspections do not include any of the drainage system inside the building except to determine that groundwater sump pumps are not connected to the sanitary sewer system. Further, MATSF does not inspect the condition of any storm drainage piping for the building. Video inspection of the sanitary lateral by MATSF is typically performed from the outside trap to the main public sewer.

The current application form and instructions can be found on our web site at www.MATSF.net. Please don't hesitate to contact the Authority office at 412-257-5100 should you have any questions.