

City Of Pacifica
Grease Trap/Interceptor Inspection Program
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The Division continues to inspect grease producing and potential producing establishments on a regular basis. The inspection schedule was reduced in calendar 2011 to biannually from quarterly as the non-compliance rate has been decreasing and we have seen fruits of the education provided to managers and owners through outreach by Division inspectors. Turnover of management and owners has been high in Pacifica from 2010 to 2011 and the education and the free maintenance logs the Division provides to the establishments have been and continue to be important. In 2011 we hired a full-time Source Control Inspector who will be analyzing the program and making alterations as needed depending upon a review of the most recent industry standards. Over the past two years in which we developed and implemented this program we have been using only part-time inspectors so the addition of a full-time employee dedicated to source control should greatly improve the program going forward. This employee started July 2011 and our report next year will outline the results. We believe our municipal ordinance dealing with regulating grease-producing establishments continues to be adequate and allows us the appropriate authority to limit the release of grease into the sanitary sewer collection system although we are open to modifications if the Source Control Inspector believes we have a deficiency after a review of industry standards. The number of sanitary sewer overflows due to grease buildup was reduced to zero in the calendar 2010 period and none have occurred so far in 2011 as well. Finally, the CCTV inspection crew and the sewer maintenance crews are reporting a decreasing amount of grease buildup in areas of previous heavy deposits.

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