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AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

MS-II-1. HOW MUCH HAS BEEN PAID OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS TO REPAIR CROSS CONNECTIONS?

RESPONSE:

2016 FY cross connection abatement cost $247,515
2017 FY cross connection abatement cost $317,851

RESPONSE PROVIDED BY: Mark Waas, Philadelphia Water Department
MS-II-2. WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF CROSS CONNECTIONS REPAIRS MADE?

RESPONSE:

The number of external cross connections identified and abated was 39 in FY 2016 and 36 in FY 2017.

RESPONSE PROVIDED BY: Mark Waas, Philadelphia Water Department
MS-II-3. PLEASE LIST ALL PLUMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN PAID BY THE PWD TO MAKE THE REPAIRS.

RESPONSE:

Cross connection Abatement Plumbers for FY2016 and FY2017

- Bart Emanuel
- Best Choice Plumbing
- Burke Plumbing
- Buzz Duzz
- Clements Brothers, Inc.
- Edward Hughes Plumbing
- Excel Plumbing and Heating
- Guaranteed Plumbing, Inc.
- In-A-Flash Plumbing
- Jack Edmondson, Inc.
- John J Ciervo Plumbing
- Luzerne McAllister Plumbing
- Mr. D’s Plumbing
- Price Contracting
- Reliable Plumbing

RESPONSE PROVIDED BY: Mark Waas, Philadelphia Water Department
MS-II-4. FROM WHICH BUDGET, CAPITAL, OPERATING OR RATE STABILIZATION WAS THE MONEY FOR THE REPAIRS ALLOCATED?

RESPONSE:

Operating Budget

RESPONSE PROVIDED BY: Mark Waas, Philadelphia Water Department
MS-II-5. IS THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER ARTICLE CORRECT, THAT
"GENERALLY, IF A CROSS CONNECTION IS OUTSIDE THE HOME, THE
PWD WILL PAY TO MAKE THE REPAIRS?

RESPONSE:

PWD is required under the MS4 permit to pay for external cross connections at residential
properties ONLY where residential laterals convey sanitary sewage to the public storm
sewers, and where this connection is outside of the home.

Please see response attachment MS-II-5. Refer to Amendment No. 1 of the NPDES MS4
Permit, Part I. Section F.3.d.ii.

RESPONSE PROVIDED BY: Mark Waas, Philadelphia Water Department
MS-II-6. WHO AT THE PWD MAKES THE DECISION WHICH REPAIRS ARE MADE AND WHICH ARE NOT?

RESPONSE:

The decision is based on the findings of the Lateral Dye Testing and Inspection Protocol which identifies if a sanitary lateral is cross connected or not. If a property sanitary lateral is found to be crossed to the public storm sewer system it MUST be repaired within 120 days or less. This policy is outlined in detail in the MS4 permit, response attachment MS-II-5. Refer to Amendment No. 1 of the NPDES MS4 Permit, Part I. Section F.3.d.iii.

RESPONSE PROVIDED BY: Mark Waas, Philadelphia Water Department
MS-II-7. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTATION USED TO MAKE
THE DETERMINATION?

RESPONSE:

Refer to:

- PWD Regulations 500 Cross Connected Sewer Laterals
- Response attachment MS-II-5 Amendment No. 1 of the NPDES MS4 Permit, Part I.
  Section F.3. Detection, Investigation, and Abatement of Illicit Connections and
  Improper Disposal
- Response attachment MS-II-7: A Business process document for the Defective
  Connection Group outlining the decision process

RESPONSE PROVIDED BY: Mark Waas, Philadelphia Water Department
MS-II-8. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY AND ALL EMAILS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, WARD LEADERS, COMMITTEE PEOPLE ASKING FOR A REPAIR TO BE MADE.

RESPONSE:

After reasonable investigation, no emails were identified from elected officials, ward leaders or committee people requesting such repairs.

RESPONSE PROVIDED BY: Mark Waas, Philadelphia Water Department