

1 **RESPONSE TO SKIENDZIELEWSKI INTERROGATORIES**
2 **AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

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

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7 **RESPONSE:**

8 2016 FY cross connection abatement cost \$247,515

9 2017 FY cross connection abatement cost \$317,851

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1 **MS-II-2.** WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF CROSS CONNECTIONS REPAIRS MADE?
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3 **RESPONSE:**

4 The number of external cross connections identified and abated was 39 in FY 2016 and 36
5 in FY 2017.
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1 **MS-II-3.** PLEASE LIST ALL PLUMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN PAID BY THE PWD TO
2 MAKE THE REPAIRS.

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4 **RESPONSE:**

5 Cross connection Abatement Plumbers for FY2016 and FY2017

- 6 • Bart Emanuel
- 7 • Best Choice Plumbing
- 8 • Burke Plumbing
- 9 • Buzz Duzz
- 10 • Clements Brothers, Inc.
- 11 • Edward Hughes Plumbing
- 12 • Excel Plumbing and Heating
- 13 • Guaranteed Plumbing, Inc.
- 14 • In-A-Flash Plumbing
- 15 • Jack Edmondson, Inc.
- 16 • John J Ciervo Plumbing
- 17 • Luzerne McAllister Plumbing
- 18 • Mr. D's Plumbing
- 19 • Price Contracting
- 20 • Reliable Plumbing

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1 **MS-II-4.** FROM WHICH BUDGET, CAPITAL, OPERATING OR RATE
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4 **RESPONSE:**

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1 **MS-II-5.** IS THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER ARTICLE CORRECT, THAT
2 "GENERALLY, IF A CROSS CONNECTION IS OUTSIDE THE HOME, THE
3 PWD WILL PAY TO MAKE THE REPAIRS?
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5 **RESPONSE:**

6 PWD is required under the MS4 permit to pay for external cross connections at residential
7 properties ONLY where residential laterals convey sanitary sewage to the public storm
8 sewers, and where this connection is outside of the home.
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10 Please see response attachment MS-II-5. Refer to Amendment No. 1 of the NPDES MS4
11 Permit, Part I. Section F.3.d.ii.
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1 **MS-II-6.** WHO AT THE PWD MAKES THE DECISION WHICH REPAIRS ARE MADE
2 AND WHICH ARE NOT?
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4 **RESPONSE:**

5 The decision is based on the findings of the Lateral Dye Testing and Inspection Protocol
6 which identifies if a sanitary lateral is cross connected or not. If a property sanitary lateral
7 is found to be crossed to the public storm sewer system it MUST be repaired within 120
8 days or less. This policy is outlined in detail in the MS4 permit, response attachment MS-
9 II-5. Refer to Amendment No. 1 of the NPDES MS4 Permit, Part I. Section F.3.d.iii.
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1 **MS-II-7.** PLEASE PROVIDE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTATION USED TO MAKE
2 THE DETERMINATION?
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4 **RESPONSE:**

5 Refer to:

- 6 • PWD Regulations 500 Cross Connected Sewer Laterals
- 7 ○ <http://www.phila.gov/water/PDF/PWDregCH5.pdf>
- 8 • Response attachment MS-II-5Amendment No. 1 of the NPDES MS4 Permit, Part I.
9 Section F.3. Detection, Investigation, and Abatement of Illicit Connections and
10 Improper Disposal
- 11 • Response attachment MS-II-7: A Business process document for the Defective
12 Connection Group outlining the decision process

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1 **MS-II-8.** PLEASE PROVIDE ANY AND ALL EMAILS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS,
2 WARD LEADERS, COMMITTEE PEOPLE ASKING FOR A REPAIR TO BE
3 MADE.
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5 **RESPONSE:**

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