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Dear Richmond Sanitary District Customer:

The Richmond Sanitary District will be doing sanitary sewer smoke testing in your area.

The smoke testing will be used to identify any broken pipes, illegal connections, and other problem areas. The smoke will be introduced through the manholes with a very low-pressure air blower. The smoke will work its way up through the street pavement, catch basins, and lateral sewer lines from your homes to the main sewer connection. The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain taps. If you have any seldom used drains please pour water in them in order to fill the traps. This should prevent smoke from entering the building. If this should occur, please ventilate until smoke dissipates and contact one of the workers or the Richmond Sanitary District office at (765)-983-7450.

The smoke agent we use is widely accepted for use in sewer systems and is non-toxic, non-carcinogenic, non-corrosive and non-staining. However, people with respiratory problems may choose not to be in their homes during the time we will be working. If you have any concerns, please contact Richmond Sanitary District office at (765) 983-7450 prior to the start date of the testing.

Some sewer lines and manholes may be located in the back yard easements. Where these lines require testing, members of the inspection team will need access to the sewer lines and manholes. Homeowners do not need to be at home, and the workers do not need to enter your house.

Photographs and field notes will be taken of leaks occurring in the system. The information obtained from this study will be used to improve your sewer services.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.