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IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW WASTEWATER DISCHARGE REGULATIONS FOR FOOD SERVICE ESTABLSHMENTS

The Los Angeles City Council recently approved an amendment to the Industrial Waste Control Ordinance to control waste grease discharges from food service establishments. The Ordinance will be effective **on August 5, 2001**. Under the new regulations, all food service establishments are required to implement Best Management Practices. Additionally, most establishments are required to obtain an Industrial Wastewater Permit.

Implementation of this Fats, Oil and Grease Program will be administered by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation. Industrial waste inspectors will visit food service establishments to determine permit requirements and verify compliance with best management practices. As a part of their visits, inspectors will offer information and training materials to help businesses comply with the new regulations.

For your information, a summary of the new regulations and a summary of required Best Management Practices are attached. **You are required to implement these practices in your business**. Please review this material closely and follow the guidelines that apply to your business.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a complete copy of the Industrial Waste Control Ordinance and Rules and Regulations Governing the Discharge of Industrial Wastewater into City of Los Angeles POTW, please call (213) 847-0802 ext. 288. Messages received in English, Spanish, Chinese and Korean, will be returned by someone who speaks that language.

Sincerely,

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