



"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY"

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Sewer Line Smoke Testing This Weekend

Sewerage and Water Board crews will be conducting smoke test of sanitary sewer lines on Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The area of the test is bounded by Gentilly Boulevard, Florida Avenue, Elysian Fields and Peoples Avenue. The New Orleans Fire Department has been notified of the tests.

The smoke that is used is non-toxic, harmless and has no odor and it does not create a fire hazard.

During the test, smoke blowers will be placed over sewer manholes and smoke will be blown through the sewer system. Anywhere the smoke exits, there is the possibility of storm water infiltration which causes problems for the sewer system.

If smoke comes out of a vent stack or enters a home through its plumbing system this could be an indication of a problem with the owner's internal plumbing system. If this is the case residents and businesses will be notified and advised to consult a licensed plumber.

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