

**SUBJECT: GREASE INTERCEPTOR CLEANING PRACTICES**

Pursuant to the authority granted under Columbus City Code 1145.11, the Director of Columbus Water & Power hereby adopts, establishes, and publishes this rule and regulation to be effective at the earliest date allowed by law. This rule and regulation supersedes Rule and Regulation 08-01 Grease Trap/Interceptor Cleaning Practices, published on June 11, 2008. This rule and regulation is in addition to any established requirements that have not been superseded or rescinded by this or any previous act.

**APPLICATION:**

Each Trucked Waste Hauler shall follow the requirements established by this rule concerning cleaning grease interceptors in the Columbus Water & Power sewer service area, which includes communities that are under contract with Columbus Water & Power for sewer and water reclamation services.


**GENERAL REGULATION:**

Grease interceptor cleaning shall include the following procedures:

1. Whenever a grease interceptor is cleaned, the entire contents shall be removed. Contents include all solids and liquids in the grease interceptor and accumulated on associated baffles and sidewalls.
2. Unobstructed flow into and out of the interceptor shall be ensured.
3. The facility grease interceptor Cleaning Log shall be completely filled out or the following information shall be communicated in writing to personnel of the "Fats, Oils, and Grease Generating Food Service Operation," as that term is defined Columbus City Code 1145.02. Information shall include:
  - a. The date of cleaning.
  - b. The amount of grease and solids removed, not including water.
  - c. The indicated condition of the interceptor as "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory." If an "Unsatisfactory" condition is indicated, corrective actions shall be listed.



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