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ECUA TO BEGIN INSPECTIONS OF SEWER SYSTEM ON MAINLAND

Starting Wednesday, July 1, and continuing through the end of the year, engineers and technicians for the ECUA's engineering consultant, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., will be smoke-testing the sanitary sewer lines in various points in the ECUA sewer system on mainland Escambia County. This test will help identify sources of leakage where stormwater may be entering the sanitary sewer system. As Malcolm-Pirnie staff work their way through the testing process, informational letters will be delivered to each home several days before the start of testing in that area. ***No access to customers' homes will be needed.***

During the testing, ***non-toxic***, non-staining white smoke will be blown into the sewer system. The locations of any defective pipes in the system will be identified by smoke escaping through the ground. If the sanitary system and a home's plumbing are in proper working order smoke will be released through the

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vent stack on the roof of the home, as well as the vent stacks of surrounding homes and buildings. This is a normal occurrence and should happen during the test.

All employees of Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., will be wearing their company's logo apparel and carrying corresponding photo identification and business cards.

Residents' questions or concerns regarding this project are welcome and should be directed to Brian Greathouse at the Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.'s Smoke Testing Line at (850) 476-3754.

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