

#### 50 Years of Plumbing Codes

- "...grease separators are required where commercial food is prepared, cooked, processed, ...".
- "...oil separators shall be provided for service stations, repair shops, garages, or any establishment where motor vehicles are repaired, lubricated, or maintained...".

What About Service Life?

What About Effluent Discharge Quality?



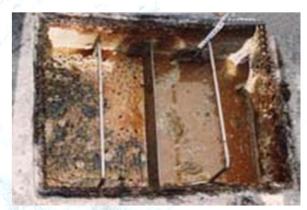
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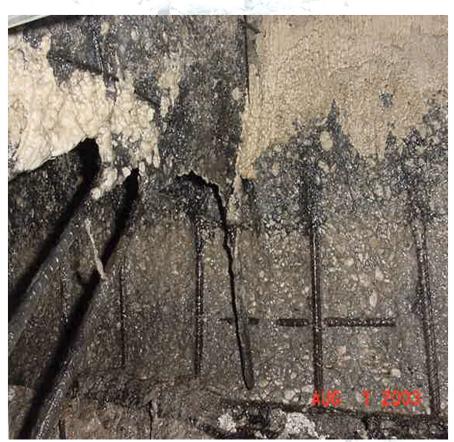




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Quick Service Restaurant Bottom completely gone in 8 years



Casual Dining Restaurant Severe corrosion in 6 years



## ....A Word About Concrete

Chemical	Effect on Concrete
15% Hydrochloric Acid	At 10% rapid disintegration
25% Acetic Acid	30% Slow disintegration
5% Sodium Hydroxide	At 10% none, at 20% slow disintegration
10% Sodium Carbonate	None
Saturated Sodium Chloride	None, unless alternate wet and dry, then moderate to severe disintegration
5 1/4% Sodium Hypochlorite	Slow disintegration
Distilled Water	Soft water leaching of hydrated lime, causes disintegration
Hydrocarbon Oils and food fats	Moderate to severe disintegration

#### Plumbing Fixture vs. Pollution Control Device







I am still not sure I understand.....

#### Federal EPA Guidance for Sewer Discharge:

The Clean Water Act Pretreatment Program recommends discharge concentration of various pollutants

- mineral oil to less than 100ppm
- food grease to less than 100ppm
- sediment to less than 350ppm

Most counties have adopted these sewer use discharge limits *AS*REGULATION



### Case - Fried Seafood Restaurant Before...









#### ....and After

Enforced Sewer
Discharge
Regulation of
100 ppm FOG





# .....Winds of Change

#### Charlotte, North Carolina Code Change

"Effective January 1, 2005 (Plumbing) Mecklenburg County will no longer allow the use of "modified" septic tanks used as a grease interceptor. All grease interceptors shall be a manufactured device, designed for grease interception, with manufacturer's required sizing criteria."\*

\*(http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/LUESA/Code+Enforcement/Inside+the+Department/Services/ Mechanical+and+Plumbing+Services/1-Customer+Alert.htm)





# FABLES OF THE CUYAHOGA: RECONSTRUCTING A HISTORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Jonathan H. Adler – Fordham Environmental Law Journal, 2002

City after city, state after state, had essentially failed in their efforts to protect their air and their water, the land, the health of their citizens. By 1970, our city skylines were so polluted that in many places it was all but impossible to see from one city skyscraper to another. . . . We had rivers that were fouled with raw sewage and toxic chemicals. One actually caught on fire. There was a very famous photograph from my teenage years of the Cuyahoga River burning. In fact, it was memorialized in a song at the time.

- Former EPA Administrator Carol Browner

Cleveland, even now I can remember 'Cause the Cuyahoga River Goes smokin' through my dreams Burn on, big river, burn on.

- Randy Newman, Burn On, Big River 1972



- 1972 Federal Water Pollutions Control Act
- 1977 Amended as Clean Water Act
  - Basic structure for regulating the discharge of pollutants into U.S. waters
  - Gave EPA the authority to implement pollution control programs such as setting wastewater standards for industry
  - Continued requirements to set water quality standards for contaminants in surface waters



- 1972 Federal Water Pollutions Control Act
- 1977 Amended as Clean Water Act
  - Unlawful for any person to discharge any pollutant from a point source into navigable waters unless permitted under CWA provisions
  - > Funded construction of sewage treatment plants
  - Recognized need for planning to address problems posed by non-point source pollution



#### **CWA National Enforcement Goals**

Improve Nation's Waters

Comprehensive framework of standards, technical tools, and financial assistance to address the many causes of pollution and poor water quality, including municipal and industrial wastewater discharges, polluted runoff from rural and urban areas, and habitat destruction.



#### **CWA National Enforcement Goals**

- Requires municipalities and major industrial dischargers to meet performance standards to ensure pollution control
- 2. Charges states and tribes with setting specific water quality criteria appropriate for their waters and creating the pollution control programs to meet them
- 3. Provides funding for states and communities to help them meet their clean water infrastructure needs
- 4. Protects valuable wetlands and other aquatic habitats through a permitting process that ensures development and other activities are conducted in an environmentally sound manner



- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
- Pretreatment Program
- Oil and Hazardous Substance Spill Program
- Wet Weather Enforcement Programs
- Biosolid/Sludge Program
- Wetlands Dredged and Fill Material Program



#### National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

- Protect public health and the environment by regulating point-source discharges into nation's waters
  - ✓ Point Source discrete conveyance such as a pipe, ditch, or spillway
  - √ 15,000 publicly owned treatment works (4000 major)
  - √ 85,000 industrial dischargers (2900 major)
  - ✓ Issue permits
  - ✓ Technology based or effluent water quality based limits.
  - ✓ Monitoring Discharges
  - ✓ Reporting Compliances

#### Pretreatment Program

- Cooperative effort between Federal, State, and Local Environmental Agencies established to protect water quality
  - ✓ Protect Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) from the introduction of pollutants that may interfere with plant operation or that may pass through untreated
  - ✓ Improve opportunities for the POTW to reuse wastewater and sludge that is generated

#### Oil and Hazardous Substances Spill Program

- Cooperative effort between EPA and U.S. Coast Guard in preventing, preparing for, and responding to oil spills or hazardous substances that reach or may reach surface waters
  - ✓ Civil Penalties of \$27,500 per day and/or \$1,100 per unit of oil or hazardous substance unlawfully discharged



#### Wet Weather Enforcement Programs\*

- > Stormwater Program
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow Program (SSO)
- Combined Sewer Overflow Program (CSO)
- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Program (CAFO)

\* Current EPA National Enforcement Priorities for CWA Compliance





# Sanitary Sewer Overflows are this Generation's Burning River



### Sanitary Sewer Overflows Threaten:

- \* Human Health
- Recreation-based Economies
- \* Natural Resources
- \* Property Damage
- \* Property Value
- \* Fishing Industries
- Manufacturing Industries



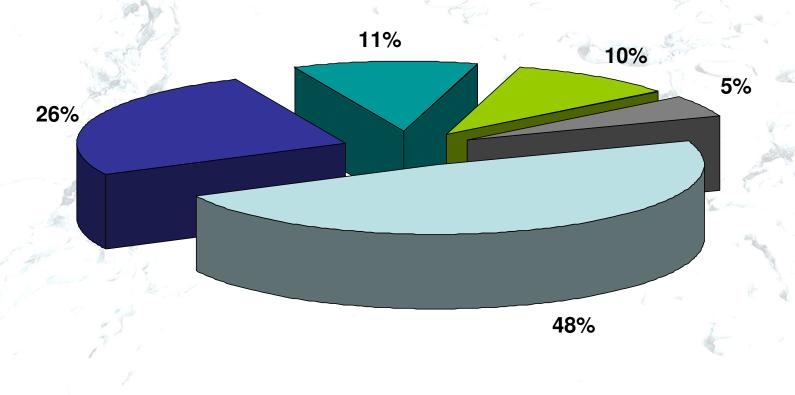
#### Sanitary Sewer Overflows

#### Stress on Sewer Infrastructure Takes it's Toll:

- \* Years of wear and tear
- Freeze/thaw cycles, groundwater movement, seismic activity
- Deterioration of pipes and joints
- \* Lack of maintenance
- Hydraulic stress from collection system bottlenecks
- Incorrect operational procedures
- Rapid development/Increasing population density

# Most Common SSO Reported Causes

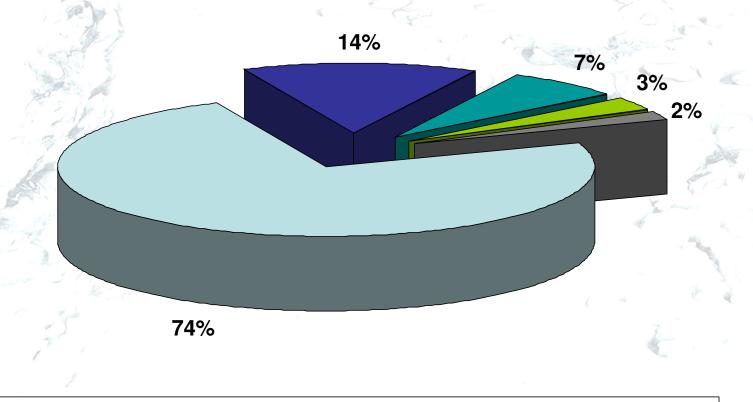
23,000 to 75,000 SSO's per year in U.S.; 3-10 billion gallons





# Most Common SSO Reported Causes

Communities with more than 100 SSO's per year



■ Wet Weather & I/I

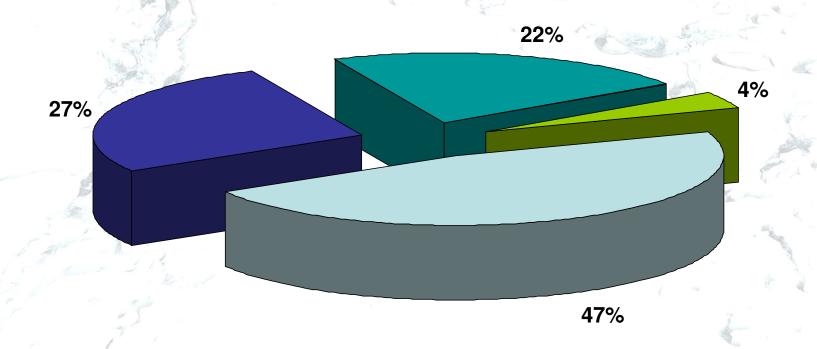
**■ Miscellaneous** 

**Blockages** 

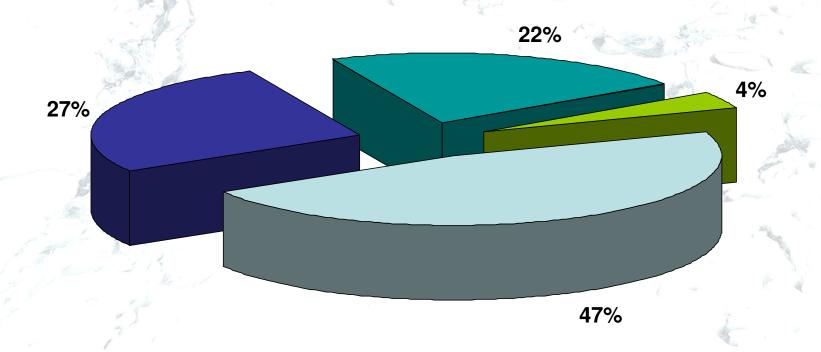
**Line Breaks** 

**■** Mech/Power Failure

# Reported Cause of Blockage Events



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# Estimates on the total cost of upgrading U.S. water and wastewater infrastructure

# \$ 600 Billion to \$ 1 Trillion over the next 20 years

#### Recent EPA Consent Decree

# Clean Water Act Agreement Announced with the Sanitation District No. 1 of Northern Kentucky

(WASHINGTON, D.C. – October 7, 2005) – The U.S.

Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today announced they have reached a comprehensive Clean Water Act settlement with the Sanitation District No. 1 of Northern Kentucky. At a cost of at least \$880 million, the District has agreed to make extensive improvements to its sewer systems to eliminate unauthorized overflows of untreated raw sewage and to control overflows of combined sewage and stormwater. Each year, the District has been unlawfully discharging untreated sewage and experiencing overflows of combined sewage into the Ohio River and its tributaries in amounts totaling almost a billion gallons.



#### Northern Kentucky is not Alone

Mobile

Birmingham

Knoxville

Atlanta

Miami

**New Orleans** 

Toledo

Cincinnati

**Baltimore** 

Los Angeles

Louisville

\$\$ BILLIONS.....all in the last 7 years

#### What Does the Future Hold?

CSO, SSO, and Stormwater Pollution control are at the top of the Federal EPA's agenda for CWA compliance

Municipalities that currently do not have issues with CSO, SSO, or Stormwater pollution are likely to avoid Federal EPA scrutiny and action.....at least for now......

### What Does the Future Hold?

- Municipal POTW's that have issues with CSO, SSO, and Stormwater pollution are coming under deeper scrutiny from the EPA
  - > civil penalties
  - supplemental environmental programs to preserve greenways
  - injunctive relief to improve POTW operations

At a cost of \$ BILLIONS

### What Does the Future Hold?

- Identified municipalities with issues will be forced to, as part of a comprehensive plan to mitigate SSOs and CSO's, implement a more stringent FOG Management Program that focuses on
  - Food prep Best Management Practices
  - Pollutant removal technologies that are <u>performance</u>-<u>based</u> and also reliable over the long haul
  - Maintenance programs that include active testing and enforcement of effluent quality



# Properties of Oil in Water

#### Free Oil

In liquid form, and is available to float to the surface; represents the majority of oil from food service establishments

#### Dissolved Oil

Oil dissolved in water by virtue of a degreasing compound; will not separate

#### Mechanically Emulsified Oil

Free oil agitated in water to form small droplets; will separate given enough time

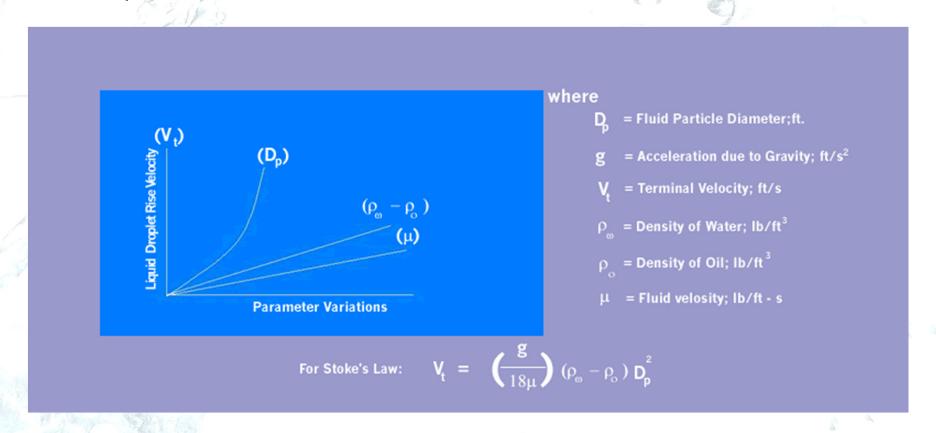
#### Chemically Emulsified Oil

Oil broken down into very small particles via a detergent and will not float to the surface

# Stoke's Law for Separation

Rise and Settle rates for a given system are dependent on:

- 1. Particle size
- 2. Difference in specific gravity vs. water
- 3. Temperature

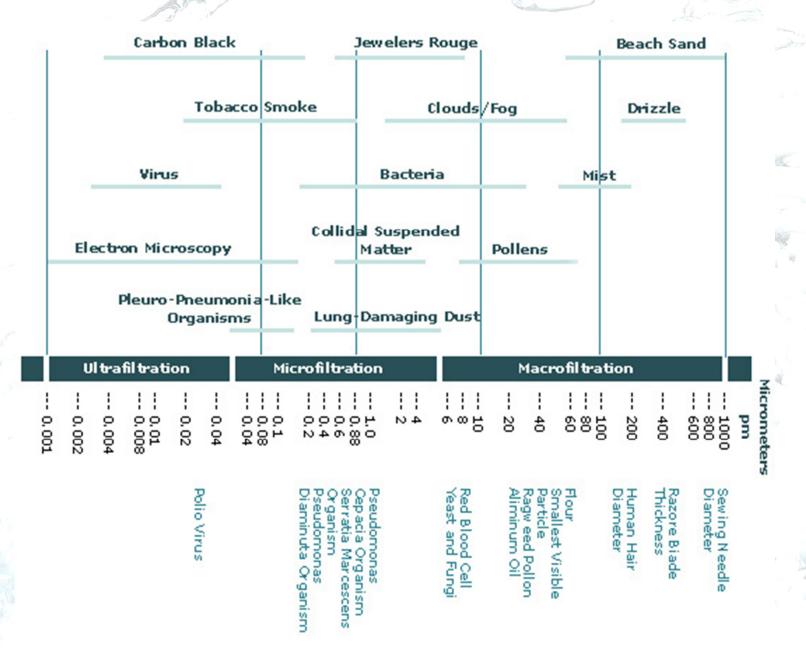


# Rise and Settle: 6 inch vertical travel time

200			
Droplet Size	Sp. Gr.	Sp. Gr.	Sp. Gr.
(micron)	0.80	0.90	2.0
1000	0:00:01	0:00:03	0:00:00
500	0:00:06	0:00:11	0:00:01
300	0:00:16	0:00:32	0:00:03
100	0:02:21	0:04:43	0:00:28
80	0:03:40	0:07:24	0:00:44
60	0:06:32	0:13:10	0:01:17
40	0:14:41	0:29:37	0:02:54
20	0:58:43	1:58:30	0:11:37
10	3:54:56	7:54:00	0:46:30
5 /	15:39:43	31:35:58	3:06:00
1	391:32:50	789:59:16	77:29:53
0.5	1566:11:2	1 3159:57:05	309:59:32

Water at 68 degrees Fahrenheit; Hr:Min:Sec

#### What Does 100 Microns Look Like?



#### Considerations

- Sewer Discharge Regulations
- Nature of Pollutants from all Sources
- Pollutant Concentration
- Pollutant Specific Gravity
- Flow Management (volume, path, and pattern)
- \* Batch vs. Continuous
- Detention Time
- Temperature
- Pollutant Storage Capacity
- Resiliency and Reliability of Design

# Components of a Properly Designed Separator

#### ✓ Incoming Flow Management

- > Gentle introduction into separation chamber
- Laminar rather than turbulent flow
- > No scouring of existing oil, grease, or sediment
- Effective baffling configuration

#### ✓ Appropriate Residence Time

- > Unit sized appropriately for peak kitchen fixture output
- Effluent flowrate, pollutant load, composition, and temperature

#### ✓ Resilient Materials of Construction

- Corrosion proof for corrosive interceptor environment
- > Smooth, non-porous materials
- Material and Structural warranties for extended periods

# Components of a Properly Designed Separator

#### ✓ Easy to Clean

- > Smooth inner walls
- > Cleanout ports and proper venting
- Easy wash-down with central collection point at bottom for pumper access

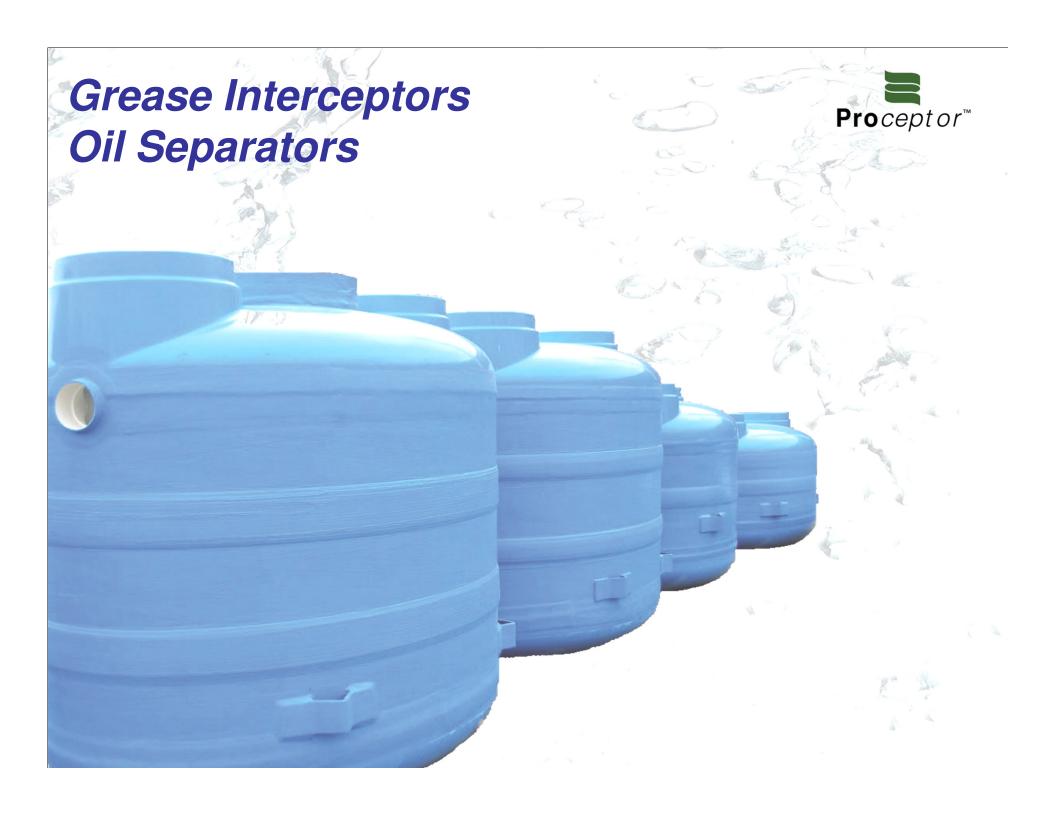
#### ✓ Performance

- Ability to consistently remove pollutants to levels at or below that recommended by local discharge regulations
  - √ 100 ppm Food Grease
  - √ 100 ppm Mineral Oil
  - √ 350 ppm Sediment
- Ease of sampling to insure that effluent test is representative of separator performance

# **The Whole Package**For Discharge Compliance

- Engineered Separator sized correctly for the application to deliver effluent quality within sewer discharge regulations over the long haul
- ✓ An operations staff that follows Best Management Practices for keeping grease and oil out of the sinks and drains
- ✓ A consistent maintenance program to monitor and remove collected pollutants from the separator on a periodic basis so the separator continues to operate at maximum efficiency



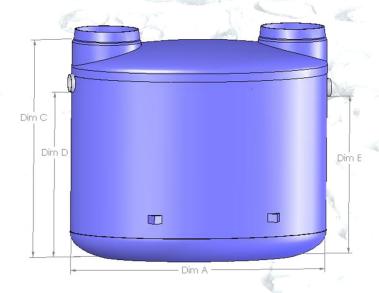


# Proceptor<sup>TM</sup> Product Line





**International Plumbing Code System** 



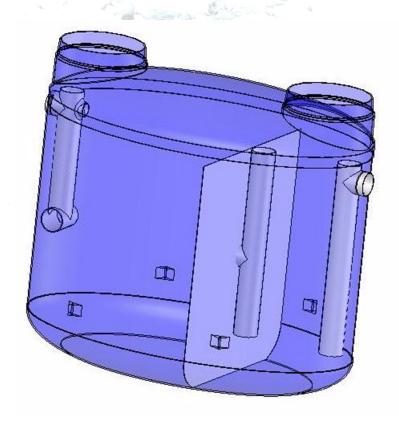
**Uniform Plumbing Code System** 

Patented systems - US Patent #5,746,912; CDN Patent #2,195,822

# Proceptor<sup>TM</sup> Benefits



- Fiberglass construction prevents soil and groundwater contamination
- Designed to better manage effluent flow and pollutant separation
- Engineered to meet EPA guidance for sewer discharge limits (100 ppm FOG, 350 ppm sediment)
- Ease of maintenance prevents drain backups and sewer blockages
- Capacities from 50 to 10,000 gallons plus
- Easy to install and service



30 YEAR WARRANTY against cracks, corrosion, and structural failure!

# Patented Flow Management U.S. Patent # 5746912



