

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Virginia Beach Fats, Oils and Grease Program (FOG) Inspection Services

Dates: 2010-present

Job Number: E09-10

Client: Virginia Beach Dept. of Public Utilities

Description: Most municipalities in Hampton Roads have entered into a Special Order of Consent (SOC) with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) to develop and submit (to the DEQ) a Maintenance Operations and Management Plan that documents the actions taken to manage their sewer systems and reduce sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). Most are in the process of developing a regulatory Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program with the goal of reducing the influx of fats, oils, and grease into the public sewer system, a significant cause of SSOs.



The backbone of these FOG programs is generally a seamless series of inspections and investigations developed to assure the conformance of Food Service Establishments (FSEs) to the recently added amendments of local city codes and regulations regarding the initiation of FOG programs. Again, most of these programs focus on the continued education of FSEs in kitchen best management practices, and the inspection of, and data collection regarding, grease control devices (GCD), including GDC use, maintenance, and general compliance.

REMSA is currently under contract with the City of Virginia Beach's DPU (PUCN-10-0016) to conduct field inspection services for their FOG Program. REMSA's responsibilities include, but are not be limited to: field operations (inspections and investigations) oversight/management and scheduling, personnel training, performance of the required field operations (GCD inspection and investigation), data collection and review, and monthly and annual summary reporting. All work would be performed in accordance with applicable state, local, federal, Occupational Health and Safety Administration and Health Department regulations. A clause in the Virginia Beach contract (#PUCN-10-0016) permits its adoption by other municipalities.

We are currently winding up our first year of a potential 5-yr FOG Inspection Services contract with the City of Virginia Beach. At the time of this submittal, we have completed the pre-inspection process (over 1,300 FOG pre-inspections), and have begun performing FOG compliance inspections. We currently have 11 FOG inspectors, six are certified Commercial Plumbing Inspectors through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, with the remaining five in varying stages of completing this rigorous certification process. Three of our inspectors are licensed master plumbers.