

**Summary of FOG Discussions 2012-2014  
Directors of Utilities Committee**

**1. June 6, 2012 DUC Meeting**

**Agenda Note (Item 6), Staff Report: FOG Ordinances:** Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Ordinances: The May 2012 updates provided by utilities regarding the status of FOG ordinance adoption are summarized and provided to the Committee as agenda [Attachment 6A \(page 19\)](#).

**2. March 5, 2014 DUC Meeting**

**Agenda Note (Item 4), Fats, Oils, and Grease:** The Committee will discuss Fats, Oils, and Grease programs and enforcement. Newport News has been encouraged to make its program more lenient and would like to revisit the discussion of future local programs in the region.

**Meeting Summary:**

The Committee discussed the regional agreement to adopt Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) ordinances and enforcement policies. The original recommendation was approved in 2008. Many localities have adopted programs that follow the building code requirements for retrofitting facilities with grease control devices instead of the regional best practice guidance.

Some utilities have observed reductions in grease related sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) following implementation of a FOG program. An analysis of FOG-related SSOs as reported through the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reporting System (SSORS) may help illustrate program effectiveness.

**ACTION:** HRPDC staff will complete an analysis of FOG-related SSOs and report back to the Committee.

**3. April 2, 2014 DUC Meeting**

**Agenda Note (Item 5), Fats, Oils, and Grease:** The HRPDC staff will present a summary of Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reporting System (SSORS) data on FOG-related wastewater overflows by locality and discuss whether locality Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) cleaning and enforcement programs have impacted the frequency of FOG-related wastewater overflows.

**Meeting Summary:**

Following up on the March Committee discussion, the HRPDC staff presented a summary of Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reporting System (SSORS) data on Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) related wastewater overflows by locality (see [Attachment 2E \(page 17 to 19\)](#)). The data does not illustrate a trend across localities illustrating the impact of FOG ordinances and preventative maintenance activities.

The Committee discussed how the frequency of FOG-related wastewater overflows shown in SSORS data may be influenced by differences in locality reporting conventions, variations in field staff assessments, and cleaning program schedules. HRPDC staff will distribute the analysis worksheets to the Committee.

(No Action)

#### 4. November 12, 2014 DUC Meeting

**Agenda Note (Item 3), Coordination of Enforcement for Fats, Oils, and Grease Programs:** The HR FOG committee is working with HRSD on coordinating enforcement efforts for Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Programs. Utilities were asked to respond to a survey to help HRSD establish how to interact with various locality FOG programs. Responses are still pending from a few localities. HRPDC Staff will review the survey and the Committee will have the opportunity to discuss and clarify any issues.

**Meeting Summary:**

The HR FOG committee is working with HRSD on coordinating enforcement efforts for Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Programs. HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on utility staff responses to a survey to help establish how HRSD should interact with various locality FOG programs when issues are discovered during field work. There were no objections to HRSD FOG enforcement. HRSD will provide notice of enforcement actions to local utilities to facilitate follow-up by the local utility. Responses are still pending from a few localities. Committee members will review respective survey responses and provide and comments or revisions to HRPDC staff by November 14, 2014.

Local utility crews have provided anecdotal reports of decreased grease-related SSOs and less grease observed during cleaning activities, but it is difficult to apportion successful results between utility maintenance activities (wet well and line cleaning and FOG programs) and education/outreach programs.

(No Action)



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December 2, 2008

**Memorandum #2008-206**

**TO: Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers  
Edward M. Henifin, HRSD General Manager**

**BY: Dwight L. Farmer, Executive Director/Secretary**

**RE: HR FOG Program**

Enclosed for your information and use are electronic copies of the following:

1. Memorandum of Agreement among HRSD and the participating localities.
2. MOA Signature Pages.
3. Model FOG Ordinance.
4. Model FOG Enforcement Response Plan.

Paper copies of Items 1, 3, and 4 were included with HRPDC Memorandum #2008-198, November 24, 2008.

Upon execution of the Memorandum of Agreement signature page, please return one executed copy to Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC Senior Environmental Planner. The HRPDC staff will assemble and retain a fully executed copy of the MOA and produce copies of the final executed MOA for distribution to HRSD and each of the localities.

The staff of the HRPDC and the members of the HRPDC Directors of Utilities Committee would be pleased to assist you and your governing body in considering these recommendations. The local government members of the Committee are listed below.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call me or John Carlock of the staff.

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**BY: Dwight L. Farmer, Executive Director/Secretary**

**RE: HR FOG Program**

Enclosed for your consideration is one (1) copy of the recommended Hampton Roads Fats, Oils, and Grease (HR FOG) Program documents, including the following:

1. Memorandum of Agreement among HRSD and the participating localities.
2. Model FOG Ordinance.
3. Model FOG Enforcement Response Plan.
4. Power Point Presentation: Hampton Roads Regional FOG Abatement Program.

Items 1 through 3 were included in the Agenda Book for the HRPDC Executive Committee meeting on November 19, 2008. Item 4 was presented at the meeting.

At its Executive Committee meeting of November 19, 2008, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission approved the proposed HR FOG Program. The HRPDC recommends that each of the region's localities and the Hampton Roads Sanitation District adopt and implement the HRPDC FOG Program through the following actions:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement among the HRSD and the localities pertaining to mutual cooperation in the enforcement proper operation and maintenance of grease control devices.
2. Adopt the Hampton Roads FOG Model Ordinance as a stand-alone ordinance or through appropriate amendments to your locality's existing Sewer Use Ordinance.
3. Approve and implement the FOG Enforcement Response Plan.

The HR FOG Program is an essential part of the Maintenance, Operations and Management (MOM) Plan, which is scheduled to be submitted in December 2009 by HRSD and the localities that are parties to the Regional Consent Order. To support successful implementation of the FOG Program, the HRPDC staff in cooperation with the HRPDC Directors of Utilities Committee is developing Regional Training and Certification Programs, Grease Control Device Design Guidelines and the HR FOG public education program.

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