

# Okaloosa County News Release

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## **Okaloosa County to Perform Smoke Testing in Sewer System in October**

Okaloosa County Water and Sewer Department, along with CH2M HILL will be conducting smoke testing of the sewer pipes, beginning the week of October 10 and going on throughout the month of October. The purpose of this work is to locate obstructions and defects in the sanitary sewer collection system. **The work will be conducted in the Okaloosa Island area and some areas around Fort Walton Beach.** During smoke testing, the smoke that you see coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is: **NON-TOXIC, HARMLESS, HAS NO ODOR, AND CREATES NO FIRE HAZARD.**

About 48 hours before smoke testing begins, door hangers will be distributed at each residence providing information regarding the procedure and names and phones numbers of personnel to contact for more information. CH2M HILL will assist in detecting sources of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer collection system, which could result in overflows and backups. Additionally, the smoke testing activities will be identifying defects that are revealed when smoke escapes through them. Locations for defects may include roof downspouts, uncapped cleanouts, driveway drains, stairwell drains, yard or area drains, window well drains, foundation-perimeter drains and defective service pipes.

**Please help us keep CH2M HILL, County and our citizens safe by using caution when driving in areas where work is being conducted.** Your patience and cooperation is very much appreciated and if you have any questions, contact Jeremy Williams, **Okaloosa County Water & Sewer, (850)609-5058, 978-6681 or the 311 Citizens Information Line.** Additional information concerning these activities can also be found at <http://ch2mhill.com/inspections>.

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