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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**[City/town] soliciting input on a proposed Illicit Discharge Detection Elimination (IDDE) ordinance.**

[City/town] R.I. – [date] – If you knew that dirty water was flowing directly into [name of local water resource], you’d probably want action taken to stop it. That is the motivation behind the proposed

Illicit Discharge Detection Elimination (IDDE) ordinance which addresses illegal interconnections to the [town/city] storm drain system. Before the ordinance can be passed, [city/town] is soliciting public input.

Illegal interconnections generally include connections to the city storm drain system from building sewer lines, septic tanks, washers and other unclean water sources. These connections allow pollution to drain directly to local water resources because the storm drain system doesn’t filter or treat the water that flows into it.

To view the entire ordinance visit [Town hall]. Interested citizens may provide comment on the proposed ordinance from [date to date]. The ordinance is scheduled for debate and adoption on [date and time] at [location].

Many of the requirements under the new ordinance will be aimed at commercial and industrial facilities in our [city/town]. These facilities must address polluted runoff from their facilities, have a spill prevention plan and keep any water bodies (stream, lakes, bays) clear of trash and lawn clippings. They must also make sure they do not have any illegal interconnections with the storm drain system.

Residents also will be responsible for making sure they do not have any illegal interconnections with the storm drain system. If you suspect that you have an illegal interconnection you will have to remove it by contacting a licensed plumber.

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