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**Press Release**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**City conducting a City-wide illicit discharge detection and elimination program**

The City of Everett is currently conducting a City-wide illicit discharge detection and elimination program. The goal of this program is to identify sources of contamination in the City's storm drain system resulting from improperly connected sewer services from commercial and residential properties. Storm drains in the City of Everett discharge directly to streams, wetlands, and the Mystic River. Sanitary sewer connections to the storm drain system are inappropriate and violate U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and City of Everett regulations. Eliminating these connections is essential to the health of the entire community, and is a priority for the Public Works Department.

Your property may be improperly connected. The City of Everett's consultant, CDM will be conducting dye testing in your neighborhood over the next few weeks.

Dye testing is a quick and proven way to determine building connections to sewer and drain lines. **Dye testing will occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 AM to 4PM. You may schedule a dye test at your convenience. Please contact Mike Nelson of CDM at 617-452-6558 to schedule an appointment.** Your participation in this program is essential to its success.

You may direct any questions about this program to:

Mike Nelson , CDM at (617) 452-6558 or Julius Ofurie City Engineer (617) 394-2251

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