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New Streamlined FOG Permitting Process

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VWRA and its member agencies are streamlining the pretreatment permitting process for local food service establishments (*FSE's). As of October 1, 2021, VWRA no longer offers pretreatment permitting of FSE's and has transferred the responsibility of permitting to the Authority's member agencies, which include the Town of Apple Valley, the City of Hesperia, the City of Victorville and San Bernardino County. The change removes a duplication of services and will make the permit process easier. Pretreatment permitting program is designed to regulate the discharge of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) from FSE's into the sewer system. FOG is a leading cause of sewer clogs and overflows.

VWRA maintains 45 miles of main sewer trunk lines, while business and residential sewer lines are maintained by our member agencies. "The change in the permit process will help better monitor and protect the sewer lines in our member agencies communities", said VWRA General Manager Darron Poulsen. "This is a cooperative agreement that better serves the Victor Valley and the business community."

*FSE's can include, but are not limited to, restaurants, commercial kitchens, caterers, hotels, bakeries, donut shops, public and private schools, hospitals, prisons, correctional facilities, and care institutions.

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