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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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

[City/town] R.I. – [date] - [city/town] is currently soliciting input on a proposed Illicit Discharge Detection Elimination (IDDE) ordinance which addresses illegal interconnections to the [town/city] stormdrain system. Illegal interconnections generally include connections to the city stormdrain system from building sewer lines, septic tanks, washers and other unclean water sources. These connections allow pollution to drain directly to [the Bay, river, pond] because the stormdrain 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 stormdrain system.

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