OPTIMIZING OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REHABILITATION OF SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEMS GUIDELINE

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Purpose and Summary
In order to promote better management of wastewater systems, the Department adopts these Guidelines for Operation, Maintenance and Rehabilitation (OM&R) for Sewerage Collection Systems (specifically including those systems which do not have their own POTW, but which are defined as “satellite sewer systems” in EPA’s draft SSO Rule, January 4, 2001, 66 FR 7701). These Guidelines were developed in response to a recognition that the current regulatory framework for addressing OM&R in satellite sewer systems (particularly 314 CMR 12.00, “Operation and Maintenance and Pretreatment Standards for Wastewater Treatment Works and Indirect Dischargers”) is significantly lacking in necessary detail for satellite sewer systems.

Applicability
The intent of this Document is to provide information to state agencies to integrate and/or update existing state regulations, guidelines and policies to reflect EPA’s issuance of its Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Rule, new requirements in NPDES Permits and ongoing enforcement actions. In addition, the document is intended for use by collection system owners, managers and operators seeking to optimize the operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of their systems, and may be referenced in Department permit conditions where appropriate. The document highlights areas of day-to-day operation and maintenance and long-term system planning that can be implemented, improved upon, or documented in order to optimize system performance, enhance program effectiveness, and reduce overall long-term costs.

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