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Additives for Commercial Grease Abatement.

This letter provides the City's requirement in the use of additives that are used to control Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) in commercial grease interceptors and grease trap equipment.

The City enforces local sewer use regulations through its Industrial Pretreatment Program. This program serves to control the introduction of pollutants from industrial/commercial businesses wastewater into the public sewer system.

The City of Meridian categorizes additives into three types: enzymes, emulsifiers, and bacteria. **Enzymes and emulsifiers are expressly forbidden within the City of Meridian.** They only work near the point of use and ultimately cause problems in downstream sewers or the wastewater treatment plant.

The use of bacteria is **NOT** endorsed by the City of Meridian. Bacteria require perfect temperature, time, and a large population to provide any benefit. Toxic cleaning solutions and excessive temperature changes will negatively impact bacteria populations and reduce effectiveness.

Should during an inspection, or at any time in the future, your operation/facility be identified as a non-compliant discharger (through manhole inspections, TV inspections of sewer lines, or wastewater sampling and analysis), enforcement action may include fines and/or penalties to seek remedy to the violation or violations.

Please direct questions related to this matter to my contact information.

Respectfully,

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