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Environmental Compliance Streamlining

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Purpose of Compliance - Enforcement

- Protect sewer lines & treatment plant
- Prevent pollution from entering rivers and streams
- Recover costs for system damages
- Ensure compliance with permits



Protect Sewer System



Rags Blocking Pump Station



Prevent Pollution to Streams



Fish Oil Discharge to the Slough



Recover Costs for System Damages



Line Replacement due to Grease Discharge



Compliance Streamlining Goals

- Streamlining:
 - Evaluate all compliance codes
 - Remove conflicts and redundancy
- Transparency: Clarify enforcement and appeal processes
- Housekeeping: Make terminology and processes consistent
- Updating: Increase penalties from mid-1990s



Public Involvement

- ~1,000 notifications to businesses
- Public Information Meetings (2)
- Public Comment & Hearing
- Modified processes based on comments



Streamlining Improvements

- 1 Compliance & Enforcement Rule
 - 3 Classes of Violations
- Consistent Enforcement and Appeal Processes
- Consistent Terminology
- Penalties:
 - Maximum increased
 - Greater Penalties for Repeat & Significant Violations
- Cost Recovery for Damages to City Assets

