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Mount Pleasant Waterworks Main Line Connection

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CONFINED SPACE – KEEP OUT!

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Mount Pleasant Waterworks (MPW) needs your help in protecting the health, safety, and quite possibly the lives of workers who are just trying to do their job.

MPW has numerous spaces that require specific safety precautions to be taken before personnel enter or work in these spaces. A classic example of a “confined space” is a wastewater manhole. MPW has approximately 6,000 wastewater manholes throughout our system, and each and every one is a potentially deadly trap.

Anyone planning or needing to enter a wastewater manhole (or any other “confined space”) in the MPW water or wastewater systems, is required to contact our office and coordinate this work ahead of time. Failure to do so is unlawful trespassing, and is a misdemeanor under the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, Title V, Chapter 51, Section 51.005.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has a Standard that details the specific legal requirements for entering and working in such spaces. This Standard can be found in Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), Part 1910.146, and is called “Permit-Required Confined Spaces.” (All OSHA Standards, as well as extensive guidance documentation, can be found on OSHA’s web site at www.osha.gov.)

What makes confined spaces so dangerous is, they frequently don’t look threatening at all. Often the hazards are not detectable by the human senses at all. The air in the space can be extremely lethal, but may not look, feel, smell, taste, or in any other way seem unusual. Without properly trained personnel, using the appropriate equipment and safeguards, the danger may be completely unknown . . . until it’s too late!



DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!

Contact one of the following MPW Employees to coordinate entry into any of our confined spaces:

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MPW Engineering Department Updates

- ◆ SCDHEC has made several revisions to the State Drinking Water Regulations R.6-58. Two areas of interest to our development community are:
 - R.61-58.1B(9): Revised to extend the length of time that a permit is valid from 2 to 3 years. MPW has also adjusted the expiration date of our construction permit to 3 years.
 - R.61-58.1.K(1)(b): Revised to specify that bacteriological testing conducted on new facilities must be conducted within thirty (30) days of the request for final approval. This is particularly important, since MPW charges a fee equal to 25% of the Admin/Const. Inspection fee for resampling due to expired test results.

Be sure and visit SCDHEC's web site to download a complete list of all the recent changes www.scdhec.com.
- ◆ Guidelines for Development have been updated for 2002 and are now available for download from our website, or you can pick up a CD from our Operations Center, 1619 Rifle Range Road. No significant changes have been made to the document this year. The new rates have been included under Appendix 1 and MPW's Project Completion Questionnaire Form has been revised.
- ◆ Developer's will still be required to use MPW's Standard (redline) legal documents, which can be pickup up at our office, or mailed to the engineer/developer upon request.
- ◆ Standard Water and Wastewater Specifications are now available on our website or on CD.
- ◆ The Cross-Connection Control Program has been transferred to the Water Quality Department. Questions concerning backflow requirements and/or inspections should be directed to Del Harbin, Water Quality Foreman (843) 327-3160 or you can email Mr. Harbin at delharbin@mpwonline.com.
- ◆ MPW Inspector, Ronnie Wilson is responsible for coordinating all flushing and bacteriological request for new system extensions. Engineers and contractors are asked to contact Mr. Wilson to be placed on the schedule for flushing and testing. MPW ask that you do not contact our Laboratory directly to request sampling or the status of test results. All request must be made through Mr. Wilson. Thank you for your cooperation.