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FROM: Merrillville Conservancy District (MCD)  
Industrial Pretreatment Program

TO: All of MCD's Food Preparation/Server Users

RE: **Notice to Complete and Return MCD's  
"Food Preparation/Service User Discharge Permit Application"**

MCD provides wastewater (sewage) disposal service for your food preparation/service business. MCD operates an Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP), as required by federal and state law, designed to minimize and manage the harmful pollutants that MCD's industrial users discharge into MCD's facilities. All of MCD's food preparation/service users are required to comply with this program.

Waste cooking grease, which is discharged into MCD's sewer facilities by food preparation/service businesses, is a major pollutant. Waste cooking grease adversely impacts MCD's equipment, causes the need for costly maintenance and increases the costs to treat and purify MCD's wastewater at a wastewater treatment plant.

MCD's IPP monitors all of MCD's food preparation/service users to ensure that they use the best business practices available to keep waste cooking grease from entering MCD's sewer lines. Consequently, all of MCD's food preparation/service users are required to install grease traps in their plumbing systems; properly maintain and clean grease traps; and, have waste grease removed from their business premises by licensed waste haulers.

**All of MCD's food preparation/service users must promptly complete and return to MCD a "Food Preparation/Service User Discharge Permit Application" within thirty (30) days of the date of this Notice.** A copy of the Application is enclosed with this letter. You can also download a pdf copy of MCD's "Food Preparation/Service User Discharge Permit Application" at [www.mcdin.com](http://www.mcdin.com), which can conveniently be completed on a computer.

Daniel Ivanyo is available to assist you in completing the enclosed "Food Preparation/Service User Discharge Permit Application" and can be reached at the above stated telephone number or email address. You should contact him if you have any questions.

Failure to return a properly completed "Food Preparation/Service User Discharge Permit Application" to MCD within thirty (30) days of the date of this Notice will result in your food preparation/service business be classified as a "Non-Compliant Industrial User". As such, your business will automatically be assessed higher sewer user charges and be subjected to additional surcharges and/or fines. Persistent non-compliance may result in the suspension of wastewater disposal service to your food preparation/service business, which would make it impossible for your business to operate.