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Sewer Overflows a Threat to Public and Environmental Health U.S. EPA Report Outlines Impacts of Overflows and Control Strategies

Wakefield, MA, August 31, 2004 – Despite progress over recent decades, discharges from municipal wastewater systems – both combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) -- still pose risks to public health and the environment, according to a U.S. Environmental Protection (USEPA) report to Congress. Opportunities do exist, however, to further control sewer overflows and meet Clean Water Act objectives, including integrated watershed protection programs, improved water quality monitoring and reporting, and strategies such as inspection programs and sewer flushing to clear debris and other obstructions.

InfraMetrix, LLC, headquartered here, offers a unique service to wastewater utilities for quickly locating maintenance and structural defects that cause sewer overflows. The firm's unique Aqua Zoom technology rapidly gathers valuable information about the *actual* condition of collection systems, enabling the utility to implement *prioritized* cleaning, in-line camera inspection, repairs and rehabilitation programs.

According to InfraMetrix president William DiTullio, the firm's unique technologies and software tools help wastewater utilities minimize CSOs and SSOs by economically collecting real-time data about sewer system performance under actual operating conditions. "Our AquaZoom camera has proven to be a crucial element for collection systems that experience overflows. It provides a quick and cost-effective sewer inspection of the collection system, helping utilities invest dollars in the right place for cleaning, rehabilitation and repairs, improving the health and welfare of communities."

Nationwide, CSOs and SSOs release billions of gallons of untreated wastewater into rivers, streams and coastal waters, causing water quality impairments, beach closures, drink water supply contamination, and other environmental and human health problems. Sewer overflows are enforcement priorities for USEPA, which since 1998 has concluded over 40 CSO and SSO enforcement cases representing more than \$14 million in civil penalties. It is projected that over \$50 billion will be spent on reducing CSO volume over the next 20 years.

About InfraMetrix, LLC

Created to help utilities optimize their current O&M programs and support the restoration or replacement of aging buried infrastructure, InfraMetrix, LLC offers public and private utilities a unique suite of infrastructure diagnostic services providing critical information on water distribution and sanitary/storm water collection systems. InfraMetrix utilizes proven technologies to focus on accessing water distribution and sanitary/storm water collection systems, including the Aqua Zoom diagnostic camera and Aqua Cad^(R) software. For additional information about InfraMetrix, please visit www.inframatrix.com.

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