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PVSC's Liquid Waste Acceptance Program Saves Ratepayers Millions

NEWARK, NJ - The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners' (PVSC) Liquid Waste Acceptance Program – created by the agency in 1996 – has resulted in revenue of nearly \$70 million since 2004, money that has been used to offset residential sewer rates.

“The Liquid Waste Acceptance Program is one of the reasons why PVSC continues to offer the lowest average residential sewer rates in New Jersey,” said Executive Director Bryan J. Christiansen. “Every cent brought in by this program goes to funding PVSC’s operations, which means those savings are passed on to our ratepayers.”

“Our annual residential sewer rate is just \$110 per year – about 30-cents a day,” said PVSC Chairman Anthony Luna. “Through cost saving measures like vehicle fleet reductions, a hiring freeze in place since 2005, energy efficiency measures and other operational decisions, and through revenue-generating programs like the Liquid Waste Acceptance Program, we’re proud to be the least expensive wastewater treatment operation in all of New Jersey.”

By utilizing periodic excess capacity, PVSC offers outside agencies, government entities and industrial operations the chance to deliver untreated gray water, wastewater, septage or sludge by truck or barge to the PVSC treatment works in Newark.

“After being delivered to our plant, this material is properly treated and disposed of by PVSC, providing an environmentally-safe outlet for disposal and an excellent source of revenue to help us save ratepayer dollars,” said PVSC’s Manager of Industrial and Pollution Control, Andy Caltagirone.

“The Program has grown steadily since it was started over 12 years ago,” Caltagirone continued. “We now accept approximately 200 trucks per day and up to three barges of material per week from sources in several northeastern states. We treat about 6.5 million gallons of liquid waste from sources outside our sewer service area each week.

“It’s an excellent way to provide a sound disposal option and generating much-needed revenue,” Caltagirone added.

PVSC’s 173-acre plant in Newark can accept liquid waste at 16 truck discharge locations spread throughout the facility, and via barge at its Newark Bay dock.