Kenner, LA. – Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn announced that smoke testing of residential sewer lines will be conducted by the Department of Public Works beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

The testing will take place in eight separate sewer lift station collection areas, all located north of Interstate 10. The testing for each area is expected to last three days. The entire testing program should be completed in about one month, weather permitting.

The testing is a routine practice to check the integrity of sewer lines. The smoke is non-toxic, harmless and creates no fire hazard. The smoke will identify leaks in the gravity-fed sewer collection system.

“Seeing smoke coming from your home or other homes in your neighborhood can be a cause for concern,” Zahn said. “I want to assure all residents that this smoke is absolutely harmless and the testing is important in helping to pinpoint any leaks in the sewer collection system.”

The testing will begin in the collection area surrounding the Yellowstone & Platt Lift Station in the Seton Parc Subdivision and continue, in order, to the other lift station collection areas listed below.

- Yellowstone & Platt Lift Station (Seton Parc Subdivision)
- Yosemite Lift Station (Woodlake Subdivision)
- E. Grandlake and Bistineau Lift Station (Woodlake South Subdivision)
- Bertolino Lift Station (Audubon Subdivision)
- Chateau Cameron Lift Station (Greater Holly Heights Subdivision)
- 31st & Jasper Station (Susan Park North Subdivision)
- 33rd & Connecticut Lift Station (Greenlawn Terrace Subdivision)
- Canary Ansas Lift Station (Lake Vista and Palm Vista Subdivisions)

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Zahn said door hangers and flyers will be distributed in the areas where the smoke testing will be conducted. The door hangers and flyers include contact information for the contractor working with the Public Works Department, Compliance Envirosystems, as well as Veolia Water and the city of Kenner.

Door-to-door notifications will begin on Monday, Feb. 25.

The smoke will exit most homes from vent stacks or holes in the ground. In some cases, smoke may enter a home due to a plumbing problem. Homeowners are advised to open a door or window and consult a licensed plumber. Homeowners also can contact a member of the smoke testing crew with questions or concerns.

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