



August 25, 2017

To Whom It May Concern

**SUBJECT: Support for Proposed IWSFG Standard 1: 2017 – Criteria for Recognition as a Flushable Product**

This letter is to express support for the proposed *Criteria for Recognition as a Flushable Product*. The City of Olympia has experienced problems due to the flushing of disposable wipes. These problems include clogged pumps, after-hours call-outs and overtime charges. The wipes also pose an increased risk for sewer overflows, which create threats to public health and the environment.

Clear standards about what constitute flushable products will help decrease consumer confusion, increase consistency between jurisdictions and reduce costs to the Olympia wastewater utility.

Thank you for your consideration of my input.

Sincerely,

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