

Fats, Oil & Grease...

The Use of Remote Monitoring Technology as a Tool to Optimize Management of Grease Interceptors

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Fats, Oil & Grease (FOG)

The Problem:

All Food Service Establishments (FSE's) generate grease and sludge. Some more than others. Small sandwich shops 150 meals/day to the larger multi-course restaurants serving 1000+ meals/day.

FSE's have a primary focus of building sales and satisfying customers.

In-ground grease interceptors are out-of-sight and out-of-mind.

FSE's will often times rely upon pumpers to "manage" their grease interceptors.

When a pump out or service is done, there is zero oversight or ability to quantify the results of the service.

The Challenge for the FSE:

Did my my service provider do an adequate job?

Am I getting full value for the service I am being charged for?

How can I verify the service was performed properly?

Is the service being performed being done at an optimum frequency?



Variables That Impact Ability to Properly Manage FOG

Menu # Meals served

Daily waste flow Business seasonality

Dishwasher Garbage grinder

Size of grease interceptor Multi Compartment & Baffles

Biological agents Floor degreasers

Floor drains secured BMP's

Handling of yellow grease Pumper performance

Without Monitoring, the Only Way to Measure <u>both</u> the Grease Layer <u>and</u> the Bottom Solids is to use...

The Old Fashioned Sludge Judge



Grease Floats to the Top



Solids Settle on Tank Bottom



Nasty & Time Consuming



Visual Inspections Can be Deceiving



Looks okay... however, there's 4" oil and 6" sludge. Equals 10"/48" = 21% Will need to be pumped soon.



Five Days After a Pump Out:

1" Grease is in the normal range...

However,
the 11" Sludge is more in line with a poor pump out



Assumptions on Daily Practices can be Misleading



What can't be seen... the 12" of Sludge.



How is Yellow Grease being handled when the Recycling Bin is Full?



Without Monitoring There's Another Possibility



After 90 Days...
Almost No Grease, Pumper on his way!



Benefits of the SepSensor Monitoring Technology

Know when the 25% design capacity will occur

Seasonality

Change in menu or hours of operation

Change in BMP's

Schedule against 25%, or as determined by the municipal regulator.

BMP analysis; compare all sites & make corrections.

Verify pump outs

Eliminate backups & overflows

Retain data (day/time/thoroughness)

Proactive pumper management; call backs where needed

Fats, oil, and grease remain in the tank for proper removal and disposal.



How SepSensor Monitoring Works?

The Monitor: Three separate patented sensor sections, each with 11 independent elements.

Grease sensor

Sludge sensor

Flood sensor

An RTU, cell phone, battery pack, and antenna

Readings taken every 15 minutes to "observe" tank activity.

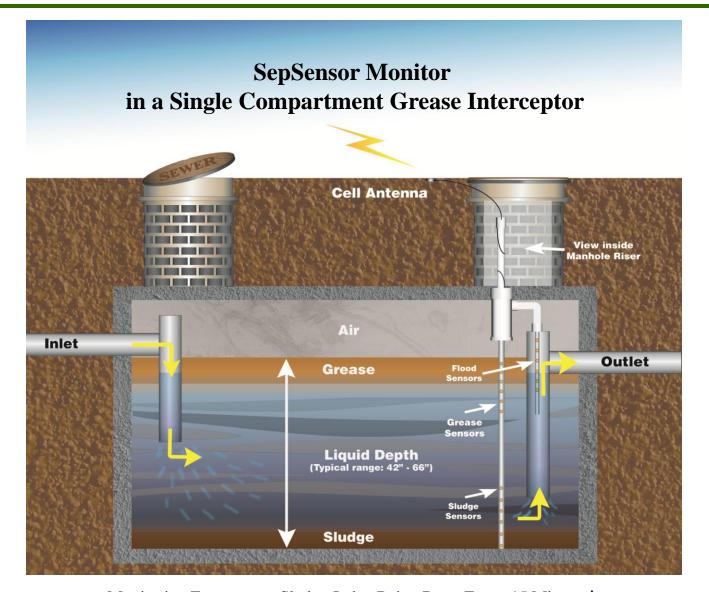
A one minute call each night to the Central Monitoring Facility to upload the data from the past 24 hours

The raw data gets analyzed and is posted to the SepSensor website.

Data access is via a user name and password

Pump out activities are "day/time stamped."





Monitoring Equates to a Sludge Judge Being Done Every 15 Minutes!



Monitor about to be Installed





Typical Installations



Outlet Manhole Installation



Flood Sensor Placed in tee to Detect High Water



SepSensor Monitoring Data

Grease level: Depth in inches, % capacity relative to liquid height Sludge level: Depth in inches, % capacity relative to liquid height

Combined level: Depth in inches, % capacity relative to liquid height

Using the 25% rule or other measure:

Arrange for a timely pump out

Proactively manage pumper performance

Proactively manage BMP's

Average tank temperature: Too hot can hinder separation

Verification: Meet the regulation

Eliminates over paying for a partial pump out

Increase on-going efficiency of the grease interceptor

Historical record keeping: Pump out data retained for as long as required



Example e-mail Notice

12/29/2009

Director of Facilities:

Site: #3371-Southington

Alerts: There is a **current alert** for: pump out due within a week, currently at 25% sludge/grease capacity.

Site: #3990 Manchester

Alerts: There are **current alert** for: pump out due within two weeks, 20%...all grease.

Site: #4934 Taunton

Alerts: There are current alert for: pump out due within two weeks, 21%.

Data: Available on line – click on this link: <u>Boston</u> Note - With multiple sites, the *Chainwide Summary Page* directs you to each site by clicking on the site link in the first cell. Navigate to detail charts and data for each prior month and year by pressing the appropriate tab at the bottom of the *Site Summary Page*. To return to the Chainwide Summary Page from each site, click on the site title link in the summary tab.

Your user name is "clemens" and your password is "rocket". Note they are case sensitive.

Thank you for using **SepSensor Grease Interceptor Remote Monitoring**



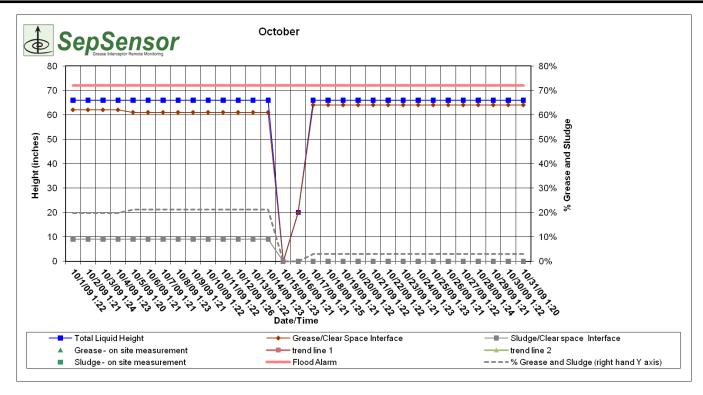
Example of Customer Summary Page

Last update: 12/29/2009 Customer Summary Page

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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Site | Location | Updated | Proj. Next Pumpout | Last Pumpout | Current % sludge | Current % grease | Total % grease and sludge | Tank Size (Gal) | limit Total % grease and sludge | Pumper |
| <u>#5049</u> | Worcester MA | 12/28/2009 | 2/28/10 re: grease limit | 10/15/2009 | 0% | 6% | 6% | 3,000 | 6" grease and 8" sludge or 25% | BigCo |
| <u>#3050</u> | Newington, CT | 12/28/2009 | 2/28/2010 | 12/7/2009 | 0% | 13% | 13% | 1,250 | 25% | BigCo |
| <u>#3635</u> | Attleboro,MA | 12/29/2009 | 1/30/2010 | 4/28/2009 | 0% | 19% | 19% | 2,500 | 25% | BigCo |
| <u>#4503</u> | Wrentham, MA | 12/28/2009 | 2/10/2010 | 9/21/2009 | 3% | 12% | 16% | 4,000 | 25% | BigCo |
| <u>#3952</u> | E. Greenwich RI | 12/28/2009 | 1/25/10 per WSA | 12/21/2009 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1,500 | 20% | BigCo |
| <u>#3952</u> | E. Greenwich RI | 12/28/2009 | 1/25/10 per WSA | 12/21/2009 | 0% | 2% | 2% | 1,500 | 20% | BigCo |
| <u>#4934</u> | Taunton MA | 12/29/2009 | 1/15/2010 | 9/23/2009 | 3% | 18% | 21% | 3,000 | 25% | BigCo |
| #4579 (Inlet) | Framingham MA | 12/28/2009 | 3/31/2009 | 4/29/2009 | 0% | 6% | 6% | 5000 2-compartment | 25% | BigCo |
| #4579 (Outlet) | Framingham MA | 12/28/2009 | 3/31/2010 | 11/13/2009 | 0% | 10% | 10% | 5000 2-compartment | 25% | BigCo |
| #3990 | Manchester CT | 12/28/2009 | 1/8/2010 | 10/23/09 Partial pump | 0% | 20% | 20% | 1,500 | 25% | BigCo |
| #4675 (Tank #2) | Windsor Locks CT | 12/28/2009 | 5/31/2010 | 11/24/2009 | 0% | 7% | 7% | 1,000 | 25% | Local Pumper |
| #4675 (Tank #1) | Windsor Locks CT | 12/28/2009 | 1/31/2010 | 11/24/2009 | 7% | 5% | 12% | 1,000 | 25% i | Local Pumper |
| #4455 (Tank #2) | Bloomfield CT | 12/28/2009 | 5/31/2010 | 11/27/2009 | 0% | 2% | 2% | 1,000 | 25% | Local Pumper |
| #4455 (Tank #1) | Bloomfield CT | 12/28/2009 | 12/12/2009 | 11/27/2009 | 19% | 14% | 33% | 1,000 | 25% | Local Pumper |
| #2842 (Tank #2) | Cromwell CT 06416 | 12/29/2009 | 1/19/2010 | 11/20/2009 | 0% | 16% | 16% | 1,000 | 25% | BigCo |
| #2842 (Tank #1) | Cromwell CT | 12/28/2009 | 1/31/2010 | 11/20/2009 | 0% | 10% | 10% | 1,000 | 25% i | BigCo |
| <u>#3371</u> | Southington CT | 12/28/2009 | 12/31/2009 | 10/30/2009 | 8% | 17% | 25% | 2,000 | 25% | BigCo |
| <u>#4628</u> | Johnston RI | 12/28/2009 | 3/31/2010 | 12/23/2009 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 5,000 | 25% | BigCo |
| #4186 (Inlet) | Westboro MA | 12/29/2009 | 5/16/2010 | 12/16/2009 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 10,000 | 25% in conjunction with Effluent | BigCo |
| #4186 (Outlet) | Westboro MA | 12/29/2009 | 5/5/2010 | 12/16/2009 | 0% | 2% | 2% | 10,000 | 25% in conjunction with inlet | BigCo |
| <u>#4431</u> | Lisbon CT | 12/28/2009 | 1/25/2010 | 12/21/2009 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2,000 | 90 Days, variance with data | BigCo |



Example Monthly View



| date/time | Sludge/Clear space Interface | | Total Liquid Height | water temp | air temp | voltage | 0.10 | Grease - on site measureme nt | % Grease and Sludge (right hand Y axis) | Flood Alarm | Days since pumpout | Notes |
|---------------|---------------------------------|----|------------------------|------------|----------|---------|------|--|---|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 10/11/09 1:22 | 9 | 61 | 66 | 62 | 67 | 10 | | | 21% | 72 | 99 | |
| 10/12/09 1:26 | 9 | 61 | 66 | 61 | 68 | 10 | | | 21% | 72 | 100 | |
| 10/13/09 1:22 | 9 | 61 | 66 | 62 | 64 | 11 | | | 21% | 72 | 101 | |
| 10/14/09 1:23 | 9 | 61 | 66 | 61 | 64 | 11 | | | 21% | 72 | 102 | |
| 10/15/09 1:23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 70 | 11 | | | #DIV/0! | 72 | 0 | Pump out @ 8:00 |
| 10/16/09 1:21 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 49 | 67 | 11 | | | 0% | 72 | 1 | |
| 10/17/09 1:21 | 0 | 64 | 66 | 60 | 75 | 11 | | | 3% | 72 | 2 | |
| 10/18/09 1:25 | 0 | 64 | 66 | 59 | 70 | 11 | | | 3% | 72 | 3 | |



Questions?

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