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**James Island Public Service District and The City of Folly Beach
Partners with Eganix to Launch
Proactive FOG Management Program**

***New Overwatch program combines education, consistent inspections and
practical support to help protect James Island and Folly Beach's
wastewater infrastructure***

JAMES ISLAND, S.C. — OCTOBER 26, 2026— James Island Public Service District (JIPSD) and the City of Folly Beach are partnering with Eganix to launch Overwatch, a proactive fats, oils and grease (FOG) compliance and education program designed to help local food service establishments prevent sewer problems and protect the wastewater infrastructure serving the James Island and Folly Beach community.

The initiative reflects our commitment to addressing potential wastewater challenges before they become costly problems.

Fats, oils and grease are common byproducts of commercial food preparation. When these materials are poured or washed down drains, they can cool, harden and accumulate inside plumbing and sewer lines, contributing to blockages, backups, sanitary sewer overflows, odors and costly repairs.

Through Overwatch, JIPSD, Folly Beach, and Eganix will work directly with local food service establishments through consistent inspections, documented findings, practical education and follow-up support. Businesses will receive clear information about what is expected, guidance for maintaining grease-control equipment and support in improving everyday FOG-management practices.

"Our goal is prevention through partnership and education. The restaurants and food service establishments on James Island and Folly Beach are an important part of our communities. By giving them clear expectations, useful information, and consistent support, we can work together to prevent problems before they reach our wastewater systems." Joint Message from JIPSD Chair Marilyn Clifford and City of Folly Beach Mayor Chris Bizzell.

Eganix developed Overwatch to provide municipalities and public utilities with a more consistent approach to managing commercial FOG. Rather than focusing solely on enforcement after a problem occurs, the program combines inspections, education and follow-up to identify potential issues and help establishments address them proactively.

“FOG management works best when utilities and food service establishments are working toward the same goal,” said Sean Egan, Founder of Eganix.

“Overwatch gives communities a proactive way to understand what is happening throughout their system while giving businesses the education and guidance they need to be part of the solution.”

The program will include inspections of grease-control equipment and kitchen practices, clear documentation of findings and corrective actions when needed, practical FOG education and follow-up when an issue requires additional attention. These expectations mirror the approach JIPSD and Eganix will communicate directly to food service establishments as the program launches.

For JIPSD, the partnership represents a broader investment in reliable wastewater service and responsible stewardship of public infrastructure. Keeping FOG out of the wastewater collection system can help reduce the conditions that contribute to sewer blockages and overflows while helping businesses avoid plumbing disruptions of their own.

Protect Our Pipes. Protect James Island.

Food service establishments will receive additional information directly about Overwatch and what to expect during the program.

For additional information, visit <https://www.jipsd.org/163/Wastewater> or call 843-795-9060

About Eganix

Eganix partners with municipalities, utilities and businesses to address wastewater and infrastructure challenges through proactive treatment, compliance and operational solutions. Its Overwatch program provides a structured approach to fats, oils and grease compliance through inspections, education, documentation and ongoing support.

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