

SECTION 5.4 – ABANDONMENT OF EXISTING GRINDER PUMP

For Genoa and Oceola Township Municipal Systems that are Operated by the MHOG Utility Department

This procedure has been developed to assist property owners with the various steps associated with abandoning an existing grinder pump. MHOG operates and maintains the municipally owned control panel on the home, the grinder pump and pump chamber, the discharge line from the pump up to the public right of way, and the main line.

The following procedure outlines the steps necessary to coordinate the abandonment with MHOG:

1. *Locate Lead - Records Available with Township*

The property owner shall contact the Township in which the abandonment is located to determine if there is a lead sheet for the subject parcel.

Note: The MHOG Utility Department can assist in this planning step by providing any plans for the sanitary sewer, but the lead sheet is typically stored at the Township.

2. *Notify MHOG of Grinder Pump Abandonment*

The Township or property owner shall contact MHOG to notify them of the proposed grinder pump abandonment.

3. *Schedule Inspection of Abandonment*

The grinder pump and control panel shall be pulled by the property owner and returned to MHOG. The property owner shall contact MHOG to coordinate return of this municipally owned equipment. It is the property owner's responsibility to remove the pump chamber and to abandon the privately owned gravity sewer lead to the grinder pump.

It is also the property owner's responsibility to properly abandon the low pressure service lead from the grinder pump to the low pressure force main. The property owner shall contact MHOG to schedule shut off of the existing curb stop. The property owner and MHOG shall identify if there is a future need for the low pressure grinder pump lead that is being abandoned. If the abandonment is permanent the low pressure force main shall be excavated and the lead shall be abandoned at the corporation stop (the tap to the force main). If the abandonment is temporary than the curb stop will be turned off.

MHOG will modify the as built records and/or billing records to reflect the field changes for each grinder pump abandonment.

4. Field Inspection

A MISS DIG should be called in prior to field work, and MHOG will mark the location of the municipal sanitary sewer.

MHOG will perform a field inspection of the abandoned force main lead, if applicable.

MHOG is not responsible for any site restoration associated with grinder pump abandonment.

5. Fees

The potential fees that may be required for this procedure are listed below:

Description of Fee	Further Info on Amount Can be Found
Disconnect/Abandonment Fee	Section 4 of this Manual
Plumbing Department Inspection Fees	Contact Livingston County Building Dept.
Contractor Fees (Excavation & Plumbing)	To be hired by Property Owner