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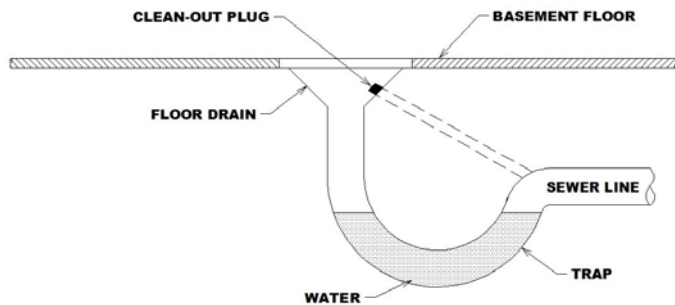
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The smoke is **NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, HAS NO ODOR, WHITE TO GRAY IN COLOR, CREATES NO FIRE HAZARD, AND IS NOT HARMFUL TO PETS.** The smoke should not enter your building unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps.

Should you detect smoke in your building, the room should be ventilated through an open window or door and the smoke will dissipate quickly. Should smoke enter your building and you need assistance, please notify the field technicians who are conducting the test.

To reduce the potential of smoke entering your building, pour water into drains that are seldom used. Also, adding a small amount of vegetable oil will help slow down the evaporation of water in your drains. In addition if floor drains do not hold water in trap place a damp towel over drain.



If you need special assistance or know of any individual in your neighborhood who may need assistance, or if you would like additional information concerning schedules or technical info, please contact our Field Technicians. **Robert Perry (660-216-1237) or Paul Anderson (660-346-9084).** For more information please visit the “**Sewer Evaluation Frequently Asked Questions**” tab on our web site at [www.trekkdesigngroup.com](http://www.trekkdesigngroup.com).

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to successfully complete this important effort of locating breaks and defects in the sanitary sewer pipes.

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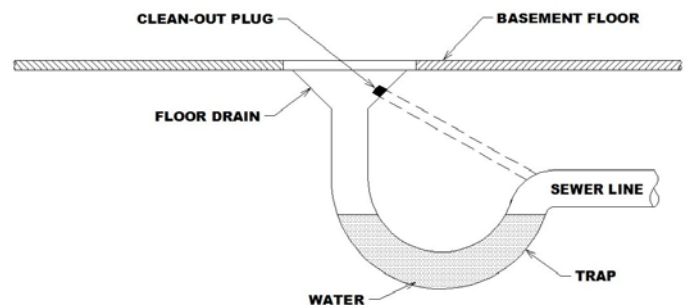
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### ***What can you do to prepare for the tests?***

The smoke should not enter into buildings unless leaks or plumbing defects exist. To prevent smoke from rising out of appropriately-connected drains inside your home, please make sure that traps for all basement floor drains and other sink traps and plumbing fixtures are full of water by pouring approximately 24 ounces of water in each drain.

Smoke may also enter your building around the wax ring at the base of the toilet. It is suggested that the bathroom doors remain closed during smoke testing activities to contain smoke within the bathroom.

### ***What if you get smoke in your house?***

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