



STANDARD CONSTRUCTION OPERATING PROCEDURE

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**SUBJECT: SEWER ENTRY IN MANHATTAN -
SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS**

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Throughout the Borough of Manhattan, Con Edison has steam traps discharging into the sewer system. These traps can discharge steam at any time. Therefore, before entering any sewer in Manhattan, the Con Ed steam dispatcher must be contacted to determine if there are steam traps in the sewer to be entered. If a steam trap exists it must be isolated prior to anyone entering the sewer.

Trap Identification and Isolation

For the identification and isolation of traps fax (646) 654-3098 twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of work. The Dispatcher will need the following information:

- 1) Location of sewer.
- 2) Name and affiliation of the person requesting the identification/isolation.
- 3) Contact (call and fax back) phone numbers.
- 4) Date/time of planned entry and estimated time of completion.

The Dispatcher will fax a notice back confirming either that any existing traps have been isolated or that none exist at this location. The Dispatcher desk is a 24 hour, 7 days a week operation and you can call the dispatcher if necessary at (212) 338-4470. Please be aware that the desk is a single person desk, if there is no one available to answer an answering machine will pick up. Leave a message and the Dispatcher will get back to you.

NO ONE IS TO ENTER THE SEWER UNTIL IT IS CONFIRMED VIA FAX THAT EITHER THERE ARE NO STEAM TRAPS OR THAT ALL EXISTING STEAM TRAPS HAVE BEEN ISOLATED.

After all work is completed the person who requested the isolation is responsible to notify the dispatcher of the completion of work.