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Subject: RE: Technical Workgroup for NACWA/WEF/WERF/INDA

I did the same segment for CBS – hopefully it shows up tonight

We shot that a week later – the wipes are still sitting on the table along with some other ones I added last week – 2 weeks in water and you can still shake them around – no loss of wet strength -- Flushable... Not!!!

As a semantics issue, I've taken to calling them "Flushable Labeled Wipes" v. "Flushable Wipes"

The KC stuff is so much better, it is ridiculous -- after 90-120 minutes just sitting in water, it tears if you lift it out --- everything else -- it will be there for days, weeks, even months and still will have wet strength

Rob

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Thanks for the video Rob! I have been doing a similar demo at our Water & Wastewater District meetings throughout the state, and local civic clubs. I get a lot of comments afterward from people about "changing their ways", along with a lot of promises not to flush wipes ever again! ☺

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Thanks Bobbi -- here's a link to a video we shot

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESavZrByQpo&feature=em-share_video_user

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Thanks Rob – YES it is TIME to remove the Faux Flushables. Luv that! I posted again on my FB page and a woman who was (retired now) Seattle SDOT administrator piped in saying – “Why do we allow things to be called “flushable” when they are not!! Why don’t we have them remove the word “flushable” from the packaging”... EXACTLY! Told her Costco said no but did put the logo on the other stuff and is the only one right now doing it!!!! Ugh.

Hey any of you who see the logo pop up on other’s wipes let me know.

I think the song Rob is... Money make the world go around, the world go around, the world go around!

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Welcome to the “Wasties”, Nikki, Clayton and Vinny --- as I am typing this, CBS News is talking about “Flushing Trouble”, the piece they did on my wipes testing program – it was supposed to air last Friday (they are kicking themselves that they could have led out the AP Article), then next Wednesday (10/2) – then yesterday they moved it up to tonight at 11 - my hands made the morning trailer

I really don’t have any big issues other than we don’t even talk about dates or a timeline – I’ve added some comments for the benefit of our new colleagues, and included the chart from my slosh box tests –

the chart compares the manufacturer's test (INDA) vs. the wastewater industry test with more water – note the difference in times – the only wipes that perform well on both tests are the ones made by Kimberly Clark – the rest are Faux Flushables

The One Wipe Charlies being shilled by the NFL Lineman are the worst – they won't even pass the INDA test that requires only a 25% loss – the wipe is incredibly strong and doesn't even lose fibers -- hope the NFL has Roto-Rooter on speed dial

What does bother me is the jump, jive and harmonize language – wait that's a song --- does review and harmonize mean reach an agreement in corporate speak?

Let's get this rolling – time to get the Faux Flushables off the market

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Hi everyone,

First, I would like to introduce a few new people to this distribution:

- Nikki Guillot is part of APWA's technical staff and is the lead for their water resources management committee.
- Clayton Brown is Source Control Manager at Clean Water Services in Oregon – he was the first NACWA person to alert me to the wipes problem back in 2009!
- Vincent Sapienza is at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (I think at one time, years ago, we thought flushables weren't a problem for the larger systems, and Vinny has shown us that the largest system in the nation has these problems as well).

Everyone on this email is part of the “Flushables Advisory Group” for NACWA/WEF/APWA, and as soon as the new NACWA Engage communication system is set up, we’ll move our communications to that forum.

I have attached for your review the proposal from INDA for the mission of the technical workgroup of “Team Wastewater” and INDA that we discussed in our July meeting. We had agreed that our July meeting would focus on the path forward, and not get into technical details, and during the July meeting we agreed to set up a technical workgroup to address those details. These include the definitions of flushability and dispersibility, testing methods, etc. The last time we had a Team Wastewater conference call, I tried to sell you all on a WERF peer review of the current INDA flushability guidelines, and y’all were not sold. When Julia, Christine, and I subsequently had a call with INDA, this position was communicated to INDA and the associations agreed to move straight to the technical workgroup to address these issues.

We envision that this workgroup would meet in person, with a neutral facilitator to keep everyone in line and to try to bring the group to consensus. We have not worked out any details yet about how many times and how often the group would meet, or the precise goals and tasks of the group. INDA drafted a proposed mission statement for the group. I made some edits to their draft and have attached it to this email. Let me know your thoughts on the draft, and also let me know if you would like to be on this workgroup (don’t worry about travel costs!).

Thanks!
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