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### **Environmental Hazard Policy (Pump-out Charge)**

On June 15, 2016, the Pearlington Water & Sewer District Board initiated an Environmental Hazard Policy to compensate the District for costs associated with clean-up of waste from non-compliant customers. In short, if customers do not maintain a current account, and are disconnected from our services, any clean-up or pump-out necessary to prevent wastewater from accumulating on public property will be billed directly to the customer.

A pump-out service would cost the customer a **minimum of \$250 per incident**; or actual cost, if higher.

State Law 41-67- 39 and the MS Department of Health's Regulation Governing Wastewater Disposal states:

*All homes and places where people reside and where a system of central sanitary sewers is available shall have a properly constructed sewer connection to said sewer system into which all human excreta and other liquid waste shall be disposed.*

Failure to maintain a proper connection to the sewer system is a violation of public health statutes and regulations as per Mississippi Code Annotated Section 41-3- 59, the penalties for violation of such is \$500 per day fine and/or jail time.