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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE # FAC 5.014

Subject: Power Feed 80-E Sewer Machine Operating Instructions

Purpose and Scope: To familiarize Facilities Maintenance personnel with the proper operating procedures for the Power Feed 80-E Sewer Machine

Procedure: To operate (ALWAYS HAVE ASSISTANCE IN LOADING AND UNLOADING EQUIPMENT):

- 1. Set up sewer machine within three (3) feet of sewer cleanout and run extension cord with ground fault interrupter.
- 2. **IMPORTANT!** Always add spring guide extension if required for operator's protection. **NEVER WEAR GLOVES!**
- 3. Install proper cutting head to cabling and guide into sewer line opening using manual feed till resistance is met. Activate power to machine with foot control, place both hands on cable and feed into blockage. In the event the machine loads up or cable is met with heavy resistance-Release foot control switch and apply hand brake. When drum has stopped reverse machine and reattempt to power thru blockage. Note: (If cutter head becomes lodged in line, STOP and use reverse to free head). In the event all cabling is used, caution should be taken to make sure drum leader and cable coupling are not extended or pulled out of drum while unit is in operation for damage to dual feed control or cable separation could result.
- 4. When blockage has been removed, reverse sewer machine and retrieve cabling at a controlled speed. Once cutter head can be seen, power should be secured and unit stopped before cutter is removed from cleanout entrance. (Caution should be used around cutter head on retrieval.)
- 5. Clean area and wash down equipment when finished.
- 6. Report any accidents or damaged equipment to your supervisor.

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