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Re: Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is being supplied to the portable sanitation Member company bearing it for the purpose of documenting its function as an essential critical infrastructure service.

On March 19, 2020 the US Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued a **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response**. Within the attached information, CISA provides guidance to state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions as well as the private sector on defining essential critical infrastructure workers. The very long list of essential workers includes the following:

- Distributors of cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products;
- Workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential public works facilities and operations;
- Workers ... who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;
- Workers who provide support ... to ensure the availability of needed facilities, transportation, energy, and communications; and
- Workers who provide support to ensure the effective removal, storage, and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste and hazardous waste.

Companies and workers in the portable sanitation industry perform some, and often all, of the above functions. During this time of COVID-19 they are being called upon to do even more, as the demand for hand washing and toilet facilities goes up. The restrooms usually available at sites of essential infrastructure are often closed to workers and delivery personnel, requiring portable toilets and hand washing facilities. Wherever portable toilets exist, they must be cleaned and pumped frequently to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Failure to do this will present a public health hazard.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Yours sincerely,

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