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Master Plumbers Council of the City of New York, Inc.
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Re: Relining of sewer pipes

Dear Ms. Jaeger:

You contacted me to ask whether the New York City Department of Buildings accepts the relining of sewer pipes as a method of repair. Relining of house connections is not an approved repair method in the City of New York. Please be advised that the repair or replacement of any such connection must be performed by licensed New York City plumbers.

There have been instances where relinings have failed and homeowners have had to expend funds to repair the defective pipe in a correct manner. Lastly, be advised that, where appropriate, the City may subpoena records of contractors who it believes is performing such illegal work.

Accordingly, we would appreciate if you would relay the above information to any contractor or owner who you believe is using these illegal linings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Daly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a checkmark at the end.

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