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Students at two Dallas elementary schools challenged to “Cease the Grease” Competition part of a pilot grease abatement program in Dallas schools

(Dallas-May 18, 2009) Dallas Water Utilities announced today it is sponsoring a grease abatement competition at two Dallas elementary schools. The pilot program is designed to educate school children about the damage caused by grease and cooking oils in wastewater pipes.

Students at City Park Elementary and the Martin Luther King Jr. Learning Center will be challenged to help collect and recycle used cooking oil and grease from their homes.

“Our goal is to raise household awareness of the proper way to dispose of cooking oil and grease,” said Helen Cantril Dulac of Dallas Water Utilities. “Through competition with classmates, school children will learn what they can do to avoid damage to wastewater pipes due to improper disposal of cooking grease and oil.”

“Cease the Grease” presentations will be held on May 20th at the MLK Learning Center and May 26th at City Park Elementary. During the presentations, students will receive educational materials and grease containers. Collected used grease and cooking oil will be weighed during picnics sponsored by DWU on May 27th and June 3rd and winning classrooms will be announced. Prizes will include two iPod Touches along with passes to the Dallas Zoo and Bahama Beach Water Park.