

**THE CORPORATION OF DELTA  
SAFE WORK PROCEDURE – VACTOR**

**LOCATION:**                   **ENGINEERING OPERATIONS – UTILITIES MAINTENANCE**

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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THE JOB:   Hard Hat, steel toe boots, Hearing Protection, rubber gloves, coveralls, high vis vest or coveralls. Workers should have Hepatitis B vaccination prior to operating the Vactor or working around sewage.

<b>JOB STEP</b>	<b>HAZARDS</b>	<b>PRECAUTIONS</b>
Operating Vactor	<p>Injury from improper use of equipment/machinery</p> <p>Injury to self or others due to unsafe condition of equipment</p>	<p>Only employees trained in the safe work procedure for the Vactor may operate this machinery.</p> <p>Prior to operation, perform Daily Maintenance on truck and Vactor in accordance with <u>Daily Maintenance Checklist</u>, as follows:</p> <p>TRUCK</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visually check tires</li> <li>2. Check fuel supply</li> <li>3. Check oil supply</li> <li>4. Check water supply</li> <li>5. Check cab and window cleanliness</li> <li>6. Maintain service record</li> </ol>


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Cleaning catch basins, curb basins, manholes	Hose flying back out, striking workers or spraying them with water/debris.	Operator must always stand at the controls. Be sure you have the right nozzle for the job. Use the Hose Guide at all times, not only to prevent the hose from being frayed on the side of the manhole or curb, but also to prevent it from flying back out.  Be cautious and alert at all times
	Incidents have occurred, where workers have been sprayed in the face with water or debris.  In another municipality, this has resulted in the worker losing an eye. Also, Hepatitis B may be present in sewage, and could be contracted by the worker through the eye membrane.	The use of a faceshield is required, where there is danger of water or debris splashing onto the face or in the eyes.  Workers are reminded of the availability of Hepatitis B Vaccine.
Operating equipment around slippery surfaces	Slipping	Wear non-skid steel-toe boots for walking and working in area
Working with equipment where noise levels exceed 95 dB(a)	Permanent hearing loss	Wear hearing protection, in the form of custom-fit, plugs or muffs