



The Dishwasher Debate

a FOG focus event facilitating best practice for
dishwasher discharge in commercial kitchens

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July 2023
10am - 2:30pm



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Event description

Join us for an insightful event that delves into the connectivity between dishwashers and grease recovery units (GRUs) in commercial kitchens.

In a pressing dilemma, kitchens need guidance on the best action. With water companies nationwide adopting diverse enforcement approaches and equipment manufacturers and installers offering conflicting advice, there is a need for more standardisation.

This event is a platform for fostering a constructive dialogue among industry experts. Join us as we ask representatives from the sector, "**Should dishwashers discharge to the sewer via a GRU?**"

Attendees can expect to participate in this event with facilitated and open Q&A, paving the way for informed decision-making and potential solutions.

 **Tickets are £50 per person, available on WRc Knowledge Store. Register now to secure your place.**

How to get there



M4 Junction 16 (1.3 miles)
(On-site parking available)



Swindon train station
(4.5 miles)

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Places to stay



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Agenda

The day includes position statements from industry leaders, each with Q&A, followed by a keynote presentation and panel debate. Networking opportunities available throughout.

09:30

30 mins

Reception opens

- Networking upstairs
- Tea and coffee

10:00

15 mins

Welcome

Andy Blackhall - Managing Director, WRc

10:20

15 mins

Water companies position statement: A risk-based approach

Tony Griffiths - Wastewater Network Technical Manager, United Utilities

To connect or not to connect? That is the question!

“Whether ‘tis nobler in the mind for the public sewer to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune from the doubtful wastewater discharge of a dishwasher.

Or to take arms against the sea of troubles of this doubtful discharge of wastewater from a dishwasher and by mitigating or considering that risk, end them!

To die ---- to ‘slow’ and by slow, means end those wasteful discharge of re-useable resource to protect the sewers and our beautiful environment alike.....!!”

This positioning statement supports an ‘output’ from the last European FOG Summit in Liverpool 2022, for consistent messaging on sewer issues across all Water Companies. The Water Company positioning statement is now supported by Water UK.

10:35

20 mins

Audience Q&A

continued overleaf...

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Equipment manufacturers position statement

Andy Threlfall CFSP MinstR - Technical and Policy Director, FEA

The FEA represents the needs of Foodservice Equipment Manufacturers and members through information, involvement and influence with government policy.

The FEA recently invited relevant members to discuss the effluent that leaves a dishwasher, including limitations and options available, and if it should be connected to a grease management system.

The findings and a position statement will be shared during this presentation.

11:15

20 mins

Audience Q&A

11:35

30 mins

KEYNOTE

12:10

1 hour

Lunch

- Lunch provided
- Networking (exhibitor tables TBC)

13:10

1 hour

Panel session: The Dishwasher Debate

- Steve Owens - Senior Network Protection Investigator, Thames Water
- Julian Edwards - Foodservice Consultant Society International (FCSI)
- Sam Irvine - Ventilate
- Mick Jary - Specification Director, MEIKO

14:10

15 mins

Concluding statement

Peter Henley - Principal Consultant (Wastewater Infrastructure), WRc

14:30

onwards

Optional networking available

- Details TBC

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Why attend this event?

There is an opportunity to address FOG related environmental challenges. Engage in this conversation and contribute to shaping the future of grease management practices.

Whether you are an industry stakeholder, professional in the food service industry, or a facility manager, this event offers valuable knowledge and guidance for addressing grease-related challenges.

Join us as we explore the intricacies of grease management in relation to dishwashers and work towards sustainable solution that benefits both commercial kitchens and wastewater infrastructure.

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What to expect

Facilitated debates: Engage in thought-provoking discussions led by industry experts, fostering diverse perspectives and exploring potential solutions for dishwashers' sewer discharge through GRUs.

Knowledge exchange: Connect with professionals representing commercial kitchens, water companies, regulatory bodies, and solution providers. Share experiences, ideas, and expertise, promoting collaborative learning within the industry.

Expert presentations: Learn from leading experts who will present research findings, case studies, and innovative approaches to grease management. Discover emerging trends, cutting-edge technologies, and practical solutions applicable to your organisation.

Networking opportunities: Cultivate meaningful connections during networking lunch. Explore partnership prospects, seek collaboration opportunities, and expand your professional network.



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