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April 4, 2008

**RE: MORGAN COUNTY
SITE- GEN**

Morgan County Commissioners
155 East Main Street
McConnelsville, OH 43756

Dear Sirs:

On April 2 and 3, 2008, I conducted a complaint investigation regarding illegal disposal of dog carcasses at the Morgan County Dog Pound on State Route 376 south of McConnelsville. I was accompanied by Bernie Bauer of the Ohio Department of Agriculture during my April 3 visit.

Evidence of illegal disposal at the County Dog Pound was observed during this investigation. Skeletal remains that are partially buried and on the ground surface were observed at two locations on the slope behind the Morgan County Dog Pound.

Animal carcasses handled by the Morgan County Dog Warden must be managed as a solid waste. The carcasses should be disposed at a licensed solid waste facility. The conditions observed at the Morgan County Dog Pound are violations of Ohio open dumping regulations. Specifically:

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-05 (C)- No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping. In the event that open dumping is occurring or has occurred at a property, the person(s) responsible for the open dumping, the owner of the property, or the person(s) who allow or allowed open dumping to occur, shall promptly remove and dispose or otherwise manage the solid waste in accordance with Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code, and shall submit verification that the solid waste has been properly managed.

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3734.03 - No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open dumping or open burning.

Open dumping of solid waste must cease immediately. All solid waste disposed at this location must be removed for proper disposal. Please submit copies of receipts to document proper disposal of all open dumped solid wastes including all animal remains and associated contaminated soils. Please also provide the Ohio EPA Southeast District Office with documentation of all past disposal practices and locations.

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Please respond in writing within 14 days providing all requested information and detailing actions taken to abate the above noted violations. Please contact me at 740/380-5219 if you have any questions regarding this investigation.

Sincerely,



Peter C. Thompson
Division of Solid & Infectious Waste Management

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cc: Dan Goeglein, Ohio Dept. of Agriculture