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June 11, 2007

**RE: BELMONT COUNTY  
SITE - SHIELDS HOLLOW RD. DUMP**

Ms. Melissa Pacifico  
Shields Hollow Road  
P.O. Box 40  
Neffs, Ohio 43940

Dear Ms. Pacifico:

Please be advised that on June 6, 2007, I conducted another inspection of your Shields Hollow Road property. The purpose of my inspection was to determine the status of your compliance with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) solid waste and construction and demolition debris (C&DD) regulations and laws.

As you recall, I informed you in several previous letters that Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office received a complaint that open dumping of solid waste and construction and demolition debris (C&DD) is occurring on your Shields Hollow Road property.

During my June 6, 2007, inspection I observed a large amount of solid waste consisting of general household trash, as well as, construction and demolition debris (C&DD) illegally disposed of on your Shields Hollow Road property. It was apparent that no attempt has been made by you to clean up this illegal dump site.

As stated in my several previous letters to you, as the legal property owner, you can be held ultimately responsible for any illegal actions that take place on your property, including the cleanup of the above referenced illegal dump.

Open dumping of solid waste is a violation of ORC Chapter 3734.03 and OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C). In addition, the illegal disposal of C&DD is a violation of Chapter 3714 of the ORC and Chapter 3745-400 of the OAC. Specifically:

ORC Chapter 3734.03 - No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open dumping or open burning.

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.

OAC Rule 3745-400-04(D) - No person shall conduct or allow illegal disposal of construction and demolition debris.

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Therefore, you are currently in violation of ORC Chapter 3734.03 and OAC Rules 3745-27-05(C) and 3745-400-04(D).

You are also in violation of ORC 3767.13(B) which states that no person shall cause or allow offal, filth, or noisome substances to be collected or remain in any place to the damage or prejudice of others or of the public.

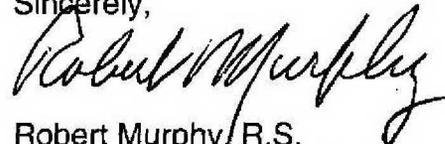
In addition, open dumping and open burning of solid waste may create a nuisance and/or health hazard, and as such may be considered by the Belmont County Board of Health to be in violation of Section 3707.01 of Ohio's Public Health Nuisance Law. Enforcement of this statute remains at their discretion.

Open dumping of solid wastes and the illegal disposal of C&DD on your Shields Hollow Road property should cease immediately. All solid waste and C&DD should be removed from the property and taken to a licensed disposal facility for proper disposal. Please obtain copies of receipts from the approved disposal facility that receives the waste and provide copies to this District Office in order to document your compliance.

To date, I have not received a response from you to any of my previous letters. I am again requesting that you please respond to me, in writing, within 10 days detailing your intentions and any actions taken to comply with Ohio's solid waste and C&DD regulations and laws.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5408.

Sincerely,



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cc: Harold Vermillion, Belmont County Health Department