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July 2, 2008

Re: Belmont County
Road Dust
Complaint 30000228

Certified: 70063450000190562772

Mr. Fred Bennett
The Belmont County Engineer
101 West Main St. Court House
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am writing this letter in reference to numerous complaints of dust impacting the residents on County Road 66, Gunclub Road, St. Clairsville. This road leads to a stone plant and it appears that most of the truck traffic into and out of the plant uses this roadway, increasing the number of vehicles that pass by the residents on a daily basis. These complaints have been received by this office over the last several years and I have spoken to you and met with you on several occasions about this situation.

I am aware that water, and possibly calcium chloride, are being applied to the roadway in an attempt to control the dust. It does not appear that these measures are adequately controlling the dust. A long term solution needs to be found. The road is in worse shape this year than I have ever seen.

Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-15-05 prohibits air pollution nuisances. The rule reads, in part, "the emission or escape into the open air from any source or sources whatsoever, of smoke, ashes, dust, dirt, grime, acids, fumes, gases, vapors, odors, or any other substances or combinations of substances, in such manner or in such amounts as to endanger the health, safety or welfare of the public, or cause unreasonable injury or damage to property, is hereby found and declared to be a public nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, permit or maintain any such public nuisance." The dust emissions from County Road 66 near the intersection of State Route 331 are excessive and measures need to be taken to address the dust issues.

I am requesting a written response from you, within 10 days of receipt of this letter, which includes a plan and schedule for controlling the dust emissions from this roadway.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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