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July 8, 2010

RE: PORTAGE COUNTY  
NELSON TOWNSHIP  
DISPOSAL PLAN PROPOSAL

Mr. Mark J. Fuerst  
U.S. Liquids Inc.  
P.O. Box 169  
Chardon, Ohio 44024

Dear Mr. Fuerst:

Our office has been in routine contact with you since our March 8, 2010, letter regarding the disposal of the wastewater in the treatment tanks. Mike Stevens of our office completed an inspection of your site on June 21, 2010. At that time, wastewater was still contained in the oxidation ditch, synthetic lined lagoon, and clarifier. The liquid levels have been significantly reduced since March 2010; however, you are now well passed the timeframes you projected for having the system emptied and properly closed.

In your February 18, 2010, correspondence, you indicated that the tanks should be emptied of all the material, and power washed clean by April 15, 2010. Over the past 3 months, you indicated that two loads per day have been hauled from the treatment tanks to a digester in Pennsylvania for disposal. It is understood that you have an unknown storm water cross connection creating dilution water which has contributed to some delay. However, it is our understanding that you isolated this clean water infiltration to the center ring of your oxidation ditch and thus, we do not understand why there continues to be slow progress.

You must take all necessary steps to empty and clean the tanks by the end of July. We have been in communication with the Attorney General's Office about this situation and are prepared to ask them to seek immediate injunctive relief if the material is not addressed within this timeframe.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me or Mike Stevens at (330) 963-1143.

Respectfully,

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