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July 19, 2011

RE: CUYAHOGA COUNTY
CUYAHOGA RIVER WATERSHED
CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS
NOTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Mr. Ed Hren, City Engineer
City of Maple Heights
5353 Lee Road
Maple Heights, OH 44137

Dear Mr. Hren:

On July 12, 2011, Ohio EPA received a complaint from a resident of Thames Avenue in the City of Bedford regarding an on-going nuisance condition in the stream behind their home. The resident states that approximately once per week, the water in the stream looks murky and has a strong smell of sewage. He has complained to local officials about this in the past and was told that the discharge to the stream emanates from a detention basin behind Liberty Ford located at 5500 Warrensville Center Road in your community. It is believed that the source of illicit discharge is an overflow from the sanitary sewer system to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The complainant states that although sanitary and storm sewers are separate, they run parallel to one another and are open-topped. This allows spillage of sanitary wastewater to the MS4 when the system is surcharged.

This letter serves to notify the City of Maple Heights of a possible illicit discharge to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). Per the obligations of the Ohio EPA General Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Small MS4s #3GQ00057*BG, please conduct an illicit discharge investigation to determine if an illicit discharge exists and if so, take all steps necessary to remove the source(s) of illicit discharge to the MS4 as permitted under Chapter 1041 of the City of Maple Heights codified ordinance. Please submit documentation of the investigation, its findings, outcomes and plan for corrective action to me **no later than August 19, 2011**.

Information contained in the 2009 and 2010 Annual Reports required under the NPDES permit does not indicate a known source of illicit discharge in the vicinity of Warrensville Center and Rockside Roads. Scott Boroski of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) and Laura Travers of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health have been notified of this complaint and may be of assistance to you in conducting your investigation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (330) 963-1145.

Sincerely,

Dan Bogoevski
District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Scott Boroski, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
Laura Travers, Cuyahoga County Board of Health
Jeffrey Lansky, Mayor, City of Maple Heights
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