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April 7, 2010

RE: CUYAHOGA COUNTY
CUYAHOGA RIVER WATERSHED
CITY OF SEVEN HILLS
MUNICIPAL STORM WATER PROGRAM
DECANTING AREA AT SERVICE GARAGE

Mr. Mark Papke, Engineer
City of Seven Hills
7325 Summitview Dr.
Seven Hills, OH 44131

Dear Mr. Papke:

On March 26, 2010, Ohio EPA received a request from you to approve the action plan to correct a violation associated with the operations of the decanting area located at the municipal service garage. The violation noted that the existing decanting area for street sweepings and catch basin cleanings did not prevent the discharge of leachate, a wastewater, to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). Catch basin cleanings and street sweepings are defined as solid waste in Ohio Revised Code 3734.01 (E) and Ohio Administrative Code 3745-27-01 (23). Ohio Administrative Code 3745-27-01(L)(1) defines "leachate" as liquid that has come in contact with or been released from solid waste. Thus, leachate includes storm water that contacts stockpiles of non-exempt solid waste, either directly or from run-on. The Ohio EPA General Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Small MS4s does not authorize the discharge of leachate to the MS4.

The action plan you have proposed will create a covered and contained area where street sweepings and catch basin cleanings will dewater into the sanitary sewer system. The existing floor drain of the decanting pad will be connected to an existing sanitary sewer via a 6-inch diameter sewer pipe. The 6-inch diameter sewer pipe is considered a lateral. Per Ohio Administrative Code 3745-42-02, laterals are exempted from the requirement to obtain a Permit-to-Install (PTI) from Ohio EPA. As such, no formal approval is required from Ohio EPA to install the proposed system. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) has approved this connection to their sanitary sewer system. Ohio EPA agrees that if the proposed system is installed, operated properly and maintained, it will prevent the discharge of leachate to the MS4, and as such, will address the violation noted in the Notice of Violation dated July 24, 2009.

I trust that this letter will satisfy your request for concurrence from Ohio EPA on this matter. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (330) 963-1145.

Sincerely,

Dan Bogoevski
District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: David Bentkowski, Mayor, City of Seven Hills
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