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**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Lee Fisher, Lt. Governor  
Chris Korieski, Director

December 14, 2010

RE: Cuyahoga County  
City of Parma  
Municipal Storm Water Program  
Ravine Blvd Illicit Discharge Notification

Mr. Paul Deichmann, Engineer  
City of Parma  
6611 Ridge Road  
Parma, OH 44129

Dear Mr. Deichmann:

On July 2, 2010, I sent you a notification of possible illicit discharge to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) on the south side of the residence at 6000 Ravine Drive. On July 30, 2010, you responded that the City did see evidence of sanitary sewage at this location and is awaiting test results from the Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineer to confirm these observations. On August 9, 2010, you submitted test results showing a fecal count of 83,333 at this outfall confirming the presence of an illicit discharge. The information attached to that response indicated that the Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineer was still televising sewers to determine if there are any cross connections or breaks in the storm sewer line that is causing this problem. Ohio EPA has yet to receive any further information on the source(s) and resolution of this illicit discharge.

This letter will serve as our request for an update on the status of your illicit discharge investigation, its findings and resolution. Please identify the specific source(s) and corrective or enforcement action(s) taken to eliminate the illicit discharge. If the discharge still exists, please provide me with your plan and associated timeframes by when this illicit discharge will be eliminated. As a reminder, Part III.B.3.i.iv of the NPDES permit requires the City to develop procedures for tracing the source of illicit discharge and removing those sources. Although you have entered into a maintenance agreement with the Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineer, the obligation to comply with the NPDES permit rests with the City of Parma. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the County Sanitary Engineer must specify the control measures that they are implementing on your behalf and should specify the procedures to be followed for illicit discharge source tracking and elimination, including timeframes by when investigations are to be completed. Please include a copy of the MOU between the City and County Sanitary Engineer with your update.

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Please provide me with the requested information no **later than January 7, 2011**. Failure to comply with the NPDES permit is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 6111.04 and 6111.07 and is punishable by fines.

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: Laura Travers, Cuyahoga County Board of Health  
Ann Gliha, Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineer  
Brian Higgins, Service Director, City of Parma  
Dean DePiero, Mayor, City of Parma

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