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March 30, 2011

RE: CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
CITY OF PARMA  
NPDES PERMIT NO. OHQ000002  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3GQ00030\*BG  
MS4 COMPLAINT

Mr. Hasmukh Patel  
City of Parma  
6611 Ridge Road  
Parma, OH 44129

Dear Mr. Patel:

On February 28, 2011, Ohio EPA received a complaint alleging that the City of Parma is installing sanitary sewers in a previously unsewered portion of the incorporated area on Hoertz Road, located north of West Sprague Road and south of West Pleasant Valley Road (new sewer area), and connections from the garage drains serving the residential homes are not being connected to the new sanitary sewer. The complaint additionally alleges that the plumbing inspectors are not inspecting the garage drains to verify that connections are being made to the new sanitary sewer.

Part III(B)(3)(a) of Ohio EPA's Authorization for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems to Discharge Storm Water Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (General MS4 Storm Water Permit) requires the City of Parma to develop, implement and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges. Please be aware that Ohio EPA's position, as detailed in the enclosed July 22, 2004 Ohio EPA letter to the Medina County Health Department, is that for new residential construction drains must be connected to the sanitary sewer.

This letter will serve to notify the City of Parma of the possible presence of illicit discharges associated with the garage drains serving the new sewer area. Please provide Dan Bogoevski with a letter of response, indicating the actions you have taken to investigate this complaint, including any corrective action that is or will be taken to address the complaint. Your response should be received by April 29, 2011. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dan Bogoevski at (330) 963-1145 or via email at [dan.bogoevski@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:dan.bogoevski@epa.state.oh.us) at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Chris Moody  
Environmental Specialist II  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Paul W. Deichmann, Building Commissioner and Engineer, City of Parma  
Mayor and Council, City of Parma

ec: Dan Bogoevski, Ohio EPA, NEDO, DSW