

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

September 29, 2010

RE: Lake County
Chagrin River Watershed
City of Willoughby
Notification of Possible Illicit Discharge

Mr. Ken Wetzel, Service Dept.
City of Willoughby
One Public Square
Willoughby, OH 44094

Dear Mr. Wetzel:

On September 25, 2010, Ohio EPA received a complaint through our Web site about a source of possible illicit discharge to the City of Willoughby municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The complainant states that there is an uncovered pile of rock salt stored on a parking lot on Stevens Blvd. The parking lot is adjacent to Western Reserve Oil located at 38001 Stevens Blvd. As you are aware, uncovered salt piles not only result in salt-laden runoff entering the MS4, but could contaminate groundwater and affect drinking water supplies.

This letter will serve to notify the City of Willoughby about the possible presence of an illicit discharge. Per the obligations of the Ohio EPA General Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Small MS4s #3GQ00003*BG, please conduct an illicit discharge investigation to determine if a source of illicit discharge exists and if so, take all steps necessary to remove the source(s) of illicit discharge to the MS4. Please submit documentation of the investigation, its findings, outcomes and plan for corrective action to me **no later than October 15, 2010**. Guidance on the proper design of salt storage structures can be found at www.saltinstitute.org. Small piles should be relocated indoors, placed under an overhang, or be covered with a tarp.

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: Angelo Tomaselli, Service Director, City of Willoughby
David Anderson, Mayor, City of Willoughby