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February 8, 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 February 3, 2010, Ohio EPA received a complaint through US EPA from a citizen of your community about a possible illicit discharge to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The complainant states that the Lake County News-Herald is distributing a free newspaper supplement by throwing it on driveways in your community. Because this supplement is unsolicited, the complainant states that 152 of 420 supplements distributed in his neighborhood were left out as litter, some of which made their way into the MS4 along Hayes Avenue.

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 an 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 February 26, 2010**. Corrective action may include requiring the News-Herald to distribute newspaper supplements in such a manner that they cannot enter the MS4 and/or enforcing City litter laws.

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