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June 20, 2007

RE: MATHEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MATHEWS HIGH SCHOOL
PERMIT NO. 3PT00085
NEAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PERMIT NO. 3PT00086
VIENNA & FOWLER TOWNSHIPS

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Joe Polonus
Mathews Board of Education
P.O. Box 157
Vienna, OH 44473

Dear Mr. Polonus:

On May 15, 2007, inspections of the above referenced wastewater treatment systems were conducted. The inspections were conducted to evaluate the performance of the treatment systems in accordance with their respective National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.

The following items were noted:

1. The treatment system at each facility does not meet Ohio EPA's current standards.
2. Each NPDES wastewater permit contained a schedule of compliance to submit detail plans to upgrade the respective treatment system. To date, detail plans to upgrade these treatment systems have not been received by this office.
3. Mathews High School has been in violation of its NPDES permit limits every month since December 2001.
4. Neal Elementary School has been in violation of its NPDES permit limits since June 1, 2003.
5. This office is recommending that our legal department initiate enforcement action for failure to upgrade the treatment systems to meet current standards as required by the expired permits. Typically, Directors Final Findings & Orders are issued requiring the upgrade and may include a penalty.
6. This office has received reports from the Trumbull County Health Department that the septic tank serving Mathews High School has been damaged. Sewage system improvements to address this situation must be completed prior to the 2007-2008 school year.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (330) 963-1143.

Respectfully,

Michael W. Stevens
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Lee Seiple, Superintendent