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**Re:** Belmont County  
Belmont County and Others  
Phase II/MS4  
0GQ00008\*BG  
MS4 Program Inspection

Belmont County Commissioners  
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101 N. Market Street  
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St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

To whom it may concern:

On March 17, 2010, Ohio EPA conducted an inspection of the Belmont County Separate Storm Sewer System program. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. As a result of the inspection and review of your annual report, I have the following comments:

**3.2.1 Public Education and Outreach**

1. Utilize the local colleges for interns during the summer months. Many programs require an internship to be completed.
2. Pursue grants for funds to purchase supplies. Utilize text found at the bottom of the page at this link:  
[http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/ms4\\_index.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/ms4_index.aspx) to search for potential funding sources.
3. Ensure that local public notice requirements are being met for public meetings.

**3.2.2 Public Involvement and Participation**

1. The section of the annual report that covered this permit requirement contained the wording "number attending" under measurable goal. This

is somewhat inappropriate for this section. Please reevaluate your choice of wording in this section.

### **3.2.3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination**

1. Continue your efforts to pass an updated resolution that meets Ohio EPA permit requirements.
2. Complete the IDDE plan and ensure applicable entities are given a copy of the plan.
3. Complete a count of the total number of outfalls in the MS4 and complete screening of those outfalls as required by the permit.

### **3.2.4 Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control**

1. Continue your effort to pass an updated resolution that meets Ohio EPA permit requirements.
2. I know regulated projects exist in the MS4. Obtain the number of these projects and reflect your findings in the annual report. I also know that some inspections were completed in 2009.

### **3.2.5 Post Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment**

1. Continue your effort to pass an updated resolution that meets Ohio EPA permit requirements.
2. I know regulated projects exist in your MS4. Obtain the number of these projects and reflect your findings in the annual report. I also know that some inspections were completed in 2009.

### **3.2.6 Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations**

1. I believe your are confused about the applicability of this section. "Employee training program" refers to the method you will utilize to train MS4 employees on the program. Examples include groundskeepers and garage workers. Revise this section.
2. Create a tracking system for the disposal of wastes and work with entities to ensure salt piles are covered.

Within sixty (60) days of receipt of this letter, please submit to me at this office a written notification as to actions taken or proposed to address the above comments. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for the completion of the actions. If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5277.

Sincerely,



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c: Jason Fyffe, DSW, CO