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October 19, 2007

Re: Jackson County
City of Jackson
OPD00008*GD
Complaint Investigation
Correspondence (PWW)

Mayor Shane Goodman
Council President Jim Humphreys
City of Jackson
Memorial Building, 145 Broadway Street
Jackson, Ohio 45640

Dear Mayor and Council President/Members:

On September 27, 2007, I investigated a complaint I received on September 24, 2007, regarding a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) entering McDowells Run in the neighborhood of Burlington Road between Huron and South Streets. Greg Wilson accompanied me as I was unable to reach Steve Reigel at the time. We found a storm sewer discharging a fair amount of raw sewage. Evidently this has been ongoing due to the volume of sewage visible past where McDowells Run passes under Burlington Road. The homeowners in 2 locations there confirmed this as an ongoing problem.

This discharge is unauthorized and must be eliminated. In accordance with the Consent Order journalized September 19, 2007, the City of Jackson is now libel for a fine of \$2,000 per day until this discharge is eliminated.

Since September 27, 2007, the city has taken steps to eliminate or minimize the discharge from this location.

On October 11, 2007, Ohio EPA held a meeting in Logan at the Ohio EPA Southeast District Office to discuss this violation and the possible short and long term remedial actions for this SSO and the final Consent Order. The Mayor, Donovan Workman, Steve Benson, Jack Detty, Steve Reigel, and Greg Wilson represented the city, and Tom Voldrich and Tim Clapper of CT Consultants also attended the meeting.

It was an effective meeting. I believe the city now has a good understanding of the requirements from both the permit and the consent order regarding bypasses, SSOs, communication, and fines.

If you have any questions please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abbot Stevenson', written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Abbot Stevenson
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Enclosure

- c: Greg Wilson, Director of Water and Wastewater
- c: Steve Benson, Service Director
- c: Lauren Angell, AGO
- c: Rachel DeMuth, CO, DSW
- c: AS file