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Ted Strickland, Governor
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October 26, 2007

Re: Jackson County
City of Wellston WWTP
Ohio EPA Permit No. 0PC00013*ID
NPDES Permit No. OH0023507
Correspondence (PWW/Major)

Mayor and Council
City of Wellston
203 E. Broadway Street
Wellston, Ohio 45692

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

On September 26, 2007, Ohio EPA's water quality sampling crew, along with the city's sewer crew, certified operator and the city engineer, discovered raw sewage in the stream that runs between Clark's Garage and the Wellston Wastewater Treatment Plant. Samples were taken as part of a water quality study being performed on Meadow Run. Samples were taken at Vermont Street at the railroad tracks and also at Rhode Island Avenue. Preliminary results indicate the presence of raw sewage in the stream at least on 9/26/07, 10/1/07, and 10/3/07. An incomplete summary is attached of the data that is back from the laboratory. We are waiting for additional sample results.

Upon finding sewage in the creek, the Wellston crew immediately began inspecting the sewer system in the area for cross connections and leaks. Based on reports to Ohio EPA, Wellston attempted to video camera the sewers, they also smoked and dye tested the sewers, which resulted in identifying several cross connections and leaks. Wellston has informed Ohio EPA that they believe they have fixed the problems but will continue to monitor the stream. Over \$100,000 was spent on emergency repairs to the sewer system.

I am encouraged how quickly Wellston took action to abate this violation which was a serious threat to human health and safety, and the environment.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5284.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abbot Stevenson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ms. Abbot Stevenson
Environmental Engineer
Permits and Enforcement Section
Division of Surface Water

AS/dh

Enclosure

- c: Mark Jacobs, Service Director, City of Wellston
- c: Matt Lusk, WWTP Supt., City of Wellston
- c: Steve BoCook, City of Wellston
- c: AS file

Preliminary Results from Ohio EPA Sampling of the Stream that Runs Between Clarks Garage and the Wellston Wastewater Treatment Plant in Wellston, Ohio

Rhode Island Avenue	9/20/07	9/26/07	10/1/07
e. Coli, #/100 ml	20	440	200
Fecal Coliform, #/100ml	290	1700	1200

Vermont Avenue	9/26/07	10/1/07	10/3/07
e. Coli, #/100 ml	80,000	45,000	540
Fecal Coliform, #/100ml	60,000	60,000	9600

Water Quality Limits	10% of the Monthly Samples	Monthly Average
e. Coli, #/100 ml	298 max	126 max
Fecal Coliform, #/100ml	2000 max	1000 max