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John R. Kasich, Governor  
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May 3, 2013

RE: LORAIN COUNTY  
VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD  
MS4 PROGRAM  
NOTIFICATION OF ILLICIT DISCHARGE  
#3GQ10006\*BG

Kenneth Kaczay, Village Administrator  
Village of Sheffield  
4480 Colorado Ave.  
Sheffield Village, OH 44054

Dear Mr. Kaczay:

After receiving several complaints about odors in the vicinity of 336 Lake Ave. in the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio EPA and the City of Sheffield Lake conducted investigations to determine the source of the odors. Ohio EPA inspectors in the Division of Air Pollution Control determined that the odor was emanating from a catch basin that is part of the City of Sheffield Lake municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The City of Sheffield Lake conducted a source tracing investigation and determined the odor is still present in the MS4 along the east side of Abbe Road at the municipal boundary where the City of Sheffield Lake MS4 originates and is interconnected to the Village of Sheffield MS4. I have attached the City of Sheffield Lake's investigation record to provide further detail, however the source appears to be related to slag leachate. In compliance with Part III.B.3.a of the Ohio EPA General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Small MS4s #OHQ000002, the City of Sheffield Lake notified the Village of Sheffield about this matter via letter dated April 17, 2013.

Per the requirements of Part III.B.3.e of the NPDES permit, please conduct an investigation to determine the source of illicit discharge to the Village of Sheffield MS4. If the source originates within the Village of Sheffield, please be aware that the NPDES permit obligates the Village to take action, as permitted under local ordinance, to eliminate the source of illicit discharge. Our records show that the Village of Sheffield has enacted an illicit discharge ordinance under Chapter 1375 of the municipal code as required by Part III.B.3.d of the NPDES permit.

Please submit the findings of your illicit discharge investigation by **June 3, 2013**, and if the source has not been eliminated by that time, your plan to eliminate it. Please note that failure to comply with the NPDES permit is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 6111.04 and 6111.07 and is punishable by fines.

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: John Hunter, Mayor, Village of Sheffield  
Len Smith, Service Director, City of Sheffield Lake