



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

July 22, 2013

RE: LAKE COUNTY
CITY OF MENTOR
MUNICIPAL STORM WATER
NOTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE
ILLICIT DISCHARGE –
WEATHERBY DRIVE

Brian Ashurst
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City of Mentor
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Lake County Department of Utilities
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Painesville, OH 44077

Dear Mr. Ashurst and Mr. Saari:

On July 22, 2013, Ohio EPA received a complaint regarding a possible illicit discharge to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The complainant states that sewage from the overflow of sanitary sewers into the basements of homes located along Weatherby Drive in the City of Mentor is discharged to the MS4 via sump pumps. The complainant, John Shkil, states that the back-up of sewage has been occurring since 2006 and occurs nearly every time it rains. This is affecting his home, located at 6834 Weatherby Drive, as well as 8 or 9 of his neighbors. He states that he has tried to work with both the City of Mentor and the Lake County Department of Utilities, but is getting frustrated because each seems to blame the problem on the other. The County operates the sanitary sewers, while the City of Mentor operates the MS4. A review of annual reports submitted by the City of Mentor and the Lake County Storm Water Management Department do not identify Weatherby Drive as a known source of illicit discharge.

This letter will serve to notify the City of Mentor about the possible presence of an illicit discharge. Per the obligations of the Ohio EPA General Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Small MS4s #3GQ00034*BG, please conduct an illicit discharge investigation to determine if an illicit discharge exists and if so, take all steps necessary to remove the source(s) of illicit discharge to the MS4.

Please submit documentation of the investigation, its findings, outcomes and plan for corrective action to me **no later than August 19, 2013**. This letter has been co-addressed to the Lake County Department of Utilities because it appears that you will need to work with them to conduct the investigation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (330) 963-1145.

Sincerely,



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Division of Surface Water

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cc: Lorne Vernon, Dept. of Public Works, City of Mentor
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