



Environmental
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John R. Kasich, Governor
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Re: Wood County
Five Point Road Area

October 25, 2011

Mr. Jerry Greiner
Executive Director
Northwestern Water and Sewer District
12560 Middleton Pike
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Dear Mr. Greiner:

On September 28, 2006, Director's Final Findings and Orders were issued to the Northwestern Water & Sewer District (NWWSD) in the matter of The Five Points Road unsewered area which includes the Sheltons Gardens subdivision. On June 1, 2010, the NWWSD submitted a General Plan for wastewater collection and treatment for the Five Points Road area to Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office (NWDO). An addendum to the General Plan was submitted on October 19, 2010. The General Plan requested that the Wood County Health Department (WCHD) be allowed to implement a five step process of working with the residents in the Sheltons Gardens Subdivision to alleviate pollution in the area rather than installing sanitary sewers. In a January 6, 2011 letter from then Director Chris Korleski, Ohio EPA allowed that the WCHD's five step plan be implemented.

On October 11, 2011, NWDO received a letter dated October 6, 2011 from Brad Espen, Director of Environmental Health, at the WCHD. In that letter, the health department states that only 11 of the 14 homeowners in the Sheltons Gardens Subdivision signed agreements to install inspection ports. As you are aware, in the January 6, 2011 letter, Director Korleski required that if all homeowners did not commit to the WCHD five step plan for upgrading home sewage treatment systems, then the low pressure sanitary sewer system option, as recommended in the General Plan, must be implemented.

At this time, Ohio EPA is referring this project back to the Northwestern Water and Sewer District for further implementation of the General Plan. By December 31, 2011, please submit a written response outlining the project that will be implemented to abate the unsanitary conditions in the Sheltons Gardens area. Your response shall include an implementation schedule for the project.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Tebbe of the NWDO at 419-373-3016 or by email at Patricia.Tebbe@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,

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