

Summit County

PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPOSED CONSENT ORDER

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) and Jitendra Kapasi (“Defendant”) have entered into a proposed Consent Order to resolve the Complaint filed in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Case Number CV2010-05-3680. The Complaint alleged that the Defendant illegally discharged untreated and improperly treated sewage into waters of the state without having a permit issued by the director of the Ohio EPA at three motels: Hilltop Motel (7870 Ravenna Road, Hudson, Summit County, Ohio); the Palms Motel (9686 State Route 14, Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio); and the Gateway Motel (3201 State Route 5, Braceville Township, Trumbull County, Ohio). The Complaint also alleged that the Defendant created and maintained a public nuisance, violated water quality standards, and failed to connect to a public sanitary sewerage system. The Hilltop Motel, Palms Motel, and Gateway Motel have been closed since 2010, pursuant to a injunction ordered by the Court. The proposed Consent Order requires the Defendant to pay a civil penalty of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000). If the Defendant pays one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of the total penalty within 24 months, the Defendant will be released from payment of the remaining one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000).

Copies of the proposed Consent Order can be obtained from the Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office, by calling the Division of Surface Water Enforcement Supervisor at (330) 963-1200 or by writing to:

Ohio EPA-NEDO
Division of Surface Water
Attn: Enforcement Supervisor
2110 E. Aurora Road
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Written comments should be submitted to Ohio EPA at the above address on or before **November 27, 2013**.

The final approval and entry of the proposed Consent Order will not occur until after the thirty (30) day public comment period has expired. The thirty day period commences on **October 28, 2013**. The State of Ohio, and Jitendra Kapasi reserve the right to withdraw or alter the proposed Consent Order based on comments received during the public comment period.