April 12, 2002

Christopher Jones, Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Lazarus Government Center
122 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Shelby County – Unsewered Areas with Failing Sewage Systems

Dear Mr. Jones:

This communication and enclosed Resolution/Documentation adopted by the Sidney-Shelby County Board of Health on April 11, 2002 pursuant to ORC 6117.34, hereby request your office to investigate and to issued orders, if appropriate, for corrective action regarding the McCartyville and the Port Haven Communities located in Shelby County.

The Board of Health would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Thank you. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Mai, MPH, RS
Health Commissioner

CC: Shelby County Commissioners
Robert Geuy, Shelby County Engineer
John Bruns, Director Shelby County Sewer District
Salem Township Trustees
Van Buren Township Trustees
Steve Butterfield, Mayor of Port Jefferson
Mike Puckett, Sidney City Manager
Marty G. Burt, OEPA, Southwest District Office
Sidney-Shelby County Board of Health

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Resolution 02-6

McCartyville & Port Haven
Failing Sewage Systems

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 6117.34 authorizes the Sidney-Shelby County Board of Health to report unsanitary conditions that exist in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Sidney-Shelby County Board of Health has evidence of failing sewage systems in both the McCartyville and the Port Haven areas; and

WHEREAS, this evidence includes nuisance complaints, field observations showing the presence of gray to black discharges or sludges with sulfur-like odors, and laboratory documentation which indicates the presence of failing sewage systems discharging into the waters of the State;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sidney-Shelby County Board of Health pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 6117.34 hereby reports these unsanitary conditions to the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and thus request an investigation and appropriate timely follow-up including Findings and Orders for corrective action.

Adoption Date: April 11, 2002