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The Honorable Mayor Mark A. Cegelka
29555 Pettibone Road
Glenwillow, OH. 44139

Dear Mayor Mark A. Cegelka,

Since 1994, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) is committed to maintaining an effective sewage operation and management program of household sewage treatment systems while keeping the annual permit cost to property owners as low as possible. Our sanitarians conduct around 2000 evaluations annually, collect hundreds of water quality samples annually, participate in community events, and conduct educational and informational meetings throughout the health jurisdiction to help reduce the burden of non-point source pollution and assist our communities in meeting their USEPA Phase II Storm Water Program requirements. We are also involved in the state rule making process and work with state and local officials to solve sewage related issues.

CCBH has not raised this annual permit cost since 2006. A recent cost methodology identified that the annual cost of conducting this program currently exceeds the annual permit fee of \$60.00 per system. As a result, CCBH has proposed to raise the annual permit fee to \$70.00. This fee increase would take effect with the 2012-2013 permits. Every resident in your community that operates a household sewage permit will receive notification of the proposed increase prior to adoption to allow for their input.

Please feel free to contact me at (216) 201-2001 x1200 or Colin Johnson, Supervisor at x 1212 with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John W. McLeod, RS, MPH
Director
Environmental Public Health Services

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