

Statement of Commitment
to
Implement Water Quality Management Responsibilities
(~~City/County~~/Village of Hamersville)

Section I: Opening Statements

A. Identification of Designated Management Agency

The ~~City/County~~/Village of Hamersville, Ohio hereinafter referred to as the "Management Agency," hereby accepts designation as a Management Agency within Ohio's continuing Water Quality Management program. This designation is established pursuant to the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217) Sections 208 and 303(e) and related federal and State regulations. The Management Agency further accepts its membership on the Policy Advisory Committee for the Little Miami River Basin/Southwest Ohio River Tributaries.

B. Acceptance of Water Quality Management Plan and responsibilities for the continuing Water Quality Management process

The Management Agency hereby accepts, for the purposes of implementation, the Initial Water Quality Management Plan: Little Miami River Basin/Southwest Ohio River Tributaries, as certified by the Governor. In recognition of the continuing Water Quality Management process, the Management Agency further accepts Ohio EPA's continuing Water Quality Management planning responsibilities and agrees to participate in this ongoing process through membership on the Policy Advisory Committee for the Little Miami River Basin/Southwest Ohio River Tributaries.

Section II: Designated Management Agency Responsibilities

A. Implementation responsibilities

1. The Management Agency hereby affirms its acceptance of the following responsibilities:

- a. To maintain participation in the Construction Grants program, established pursuant to Section 201 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 and the implementing regulations contained in 40 CFR, Part 35 - "Grants for Construction of Treatment Works." This participation shall include meeting all applicable requirements established in the aforementioned law and regulations including provision of: Assurances of legal, financial and administrative capability; assurances to pay nonfederal share of project costs; and schedules for initiation and completion of project work. Participation is further defined as:

- (1) Development of an approvable Facilities Plan. In developing a Facilities Plan, the Management Agency recognizes and agrees to utilize the facilities planning elements provided in the Initial Water Quality Management Plan: Little Miami River Basin/Southwest Ohio River Tributaries, e.g., wasteload allocations, population projection totals and disaggregations, delineation of facility planning areas and sewer service areas as required by 40 CFR, Part 35.925-2.

(2) Implementation of all portions of approved Facilities Plan(s) for which the Management Agency is responsible under agreements with Ohio EPA and/or USEPA.

b. To continue operation and maintenance of existing wastewater treatment facilities in compliance with existing NPDES permit(s) established pursuant to Section 402 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 and the implementing regulations contained in Parts 121 through 125 - "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System." Continued compliance includes meeting all interim/final effluent limits as appropriate, all compliance schedules, special conditions and reporting procedures contained in the NPDES permit(s).

2. Additional point and nonpoint source implementation responsibilities will be added in conjunction with annual Water Quality Management Plan updates (See Section III) as mutually agreed to by the affected parties.

B. Legal authorities and administrative and financial capabilities

1. Legal authorities

In accordance with Section 208(c)(2) of the Clean Water Act, any Management Agency must have the authority identified in Chapter III, Part III of the Initial Water Quality Management Plan: Little Miami River Basin/Southwest Ohio River Tributaries. The Management Agency hereby affirms that it has these authorities under the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Constitution and such local statutes as appropriate. Statements attesting to this authority are incorporated herein or incorporated by reference.

2. Administrative and financial capability

The Management Agency affirms that it has sufficient administrative and financial capability to implement the responsibilities described in Section II.A. Statements attesting to this administrative and financial capability are incorporated herein or incorporated by reference.

C. Listing of affected jurisdictions

The Management Agency affirms its commitments to provide wastewater treatment services to other affected entities as described in existing service agreements or as developed through the Construction Grants process and are incorporated herein by reference.

D. Schedule for implementing responsibilities

1. Schedules for initiation and completion of responsibilities identified in Section II.A.1.a. which are included in Construction Grants application materials are incorporated herein by reference. Schedules for NPDES permit compliance identified in Section II.A.1.b, which are set forth in current NPDES permit(s) are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Reporting requirements which are established in current Construction Grants and NPDES permit(s) will be adhered to by the Management Agency.

E. Funding sources

The Management Agency accepts responsibility for providing the local costs as appropriate for responsibilities identified in Section II.A. Any financial estimates of project costs and assurances regarding payment which are included in relevant Construction Grants materials are incorporated herein by reference.

Section III: Amendment to Statement of Commitment

This Statement of Commitment shall be renegotiated, at such time as the Water Quality Management Plan for the Little Miami River Basin/Southwest Ohio River Tributaries is updated, approved by the Policy Advisory Committee, certified by the State of Ohio and approved by USEPA. Further, this Statement is subject to the approval of Ohio EPA and USEPA and is subject to renegotiation at anytime between the Management Agency, the Policy Advisory Committee and Ohio EPA as necessary and mutually acceptable.

Name: _____
(Ohio EPA Signatory)

Title: _____

Date: _____

Name: *Duane C. Hume*
(City/County/Village Signatory)

Title: Mayor

Date: _____

Name: _____
(Policy Advisory Committee Chairperson)

Title: _____

Date: _____