

April 20, 2026

**Transmitted Electronically**

Pike County Commissioners  
Attn: Anthony Montgomery, Chairman  
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**Re: Pike County Sewers  
Notice of Violation (ROV)  
NOV  
NPDES  
Pike County  
OPC00011**

**Subject: Notice of Violation/Resolution of Violation**

Dear Pike County Commissioners:

On March 11, 2026, Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water (DSW), conducted a complaint inspection for a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) on Howard Road located in Waverly, Ohio. The goal of the inspection was to determine compliance with Ohio's environmental laws and regulations as found in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111.

**Violation:**

Ohio EPA DSW observed the one following violation of Ohio's environmental laws and regulations. Ohio EPA DSW recommends you promptly address this violation.

**Violation Description:** On March 11, 2026, Ohio EPA observed a significant amount of raw sewage on the ground, in the pond, and drainage ditch located near 1012 Howard Rd. This overflow was said to have originally occurred in February 2026. More than thirty dead fish were also observed in pond. Ohio EPA was not notified within 24 hours of learning of the SSO that imminently and substantially endangered human health, and a 5-day follow up report was not submitted. This is a violation of ORC 6111 and Part II, Item C of the NPDES Permit.

**Requested Action:** Properly report SSOs within 24-hours at [sedo24hournpdes@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:sedo24hournpdes@epa.ohio.gov) and complete/submit a 5-day SSO follow up report. In addition, clean up the area(s) impacted by the SSO and apply lime to the area.

**Resolution:** On March 13, 2026, Ohio EPA received the 5-day follow up report by email. On March 16, 2026, Ohio EPA received an email containing photographs of

**the sewage and dead fish cleaned up. On April 2, 2026, Ohio EPA received receipts for the sewage/fish disposal. Therefore, this violation has been resolved.**

Please note that this does not preclude the Director from seeking administrative or civil penalties pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 6111.09 for the violation noted in this letter. The decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this violation is dependent on several factors, one of which is Pike County's future compliance with Ohio EPA regulatory requirements.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5425 and/or [Emily.Poling@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:Emily.Poling@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

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