

(Sent via Email)

December 12, 2013

To:

Office of the General Counsel (Sewage Rules)
Ohio Department of Health
246 N. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Second Draft of Proposed Revisions to the Ohio Administrative Code
Chapter 3701-29, Sewage Treatment Systems Rules

To Whom It May Concern:

We appreciate the work done by the Rule Advisory Committee to explore ways to ensure the safety and efficacy of our state's household sewage treatment systems. But we have great concerns about whether there is a need for wide-ranging new regulations, which may entail significant additional costs to our aging population – increasingly on fixed incomes – when the Geauga County Health District has attained a nearly 100 percent compliance level under the existing regulatory scheme, and when we have not had any health-related incidents due to system failures in recent memory. We would ask the Committee and the General Assembly to consider tabling these regulations until this broader question can be resolved.

Sincerely,
RUSSELL TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
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