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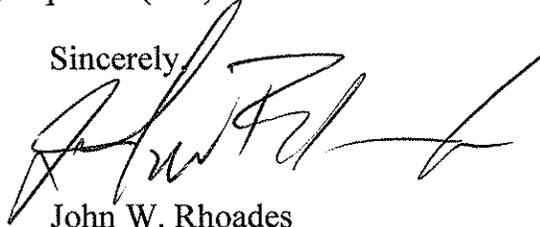
March 6, 2009

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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Please find enclosed the Level 3 Project Study Plan titled "2009 Cuyahoga River Electrofishing & Benthic Macroinvertebrate Surveys". If you have any questions regarding the content of this study plan, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by email at [rhoadesj@neorsd.org](mailto:rhoadesj@neorsd.org) or phone (216) 641-6000 ext. 2219.

Sincerely,



John W. Rhoades  
Supervisor of Environmental Assessment  
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District

### Level 3 Project Study Plan

#### *2009 Cuyahoga River Electrofishing & Benthic Macroinvertebrate Surveys*

(1) Objectives

The lower Cuyahoga River has been designated as one of 42 Great Lakes areas of concern (AOC) by the International Joint Commission (IJC). Previous monitoring has indicated impairment of aquatic biota in the river and has been the basis of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan for the Lower Cuyahoga River. The causes of impairment to the river have been classified as organic enrichment, toxicity, low dissolved oxygen, nutrients and flow alteration. The purpose of this study is to survey fish communities, benthic macroinvertebrate communities, habitat and water chemistry in the Cuyahoga River in 2009 between River Mile (RM) 16.20 and RM 7.00. The results from these surveys will be used to assign a characterization of the overall fish and macroinvertebrate community health in the river in relation to potential impacts from point and nonpoint sources of pollution. Fish and macroinvertebrate community health will be evaluated through the use of Ohio EPA indices (IBI, MIwb, and ICI). An examination of the individual metrics that comprise these indices will be used in conjunction with water quality data, the Ohio EPA Macroinvertebrate Field Sheet, and Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI) results in order to identify impacts to the communities. Results will also be compared to historic data to show temporal as well as spatial trends.

(2) Nonpoint/Point Sources

Point Sources	Nonpoint Sources
Tinkers Creek (RM 16.36)	Urban runoff
Mill Creek (RM 11.49)	Landfills
West Creek (RM 11.05)	Spills
Southerly WWTC (RM 10.57)	Agriculture
Ohio Canal (RM 8.78)	
Big Creek (RM 7.20)	
Combined Sewer Overflows	
Storm Sewer Outfalls	

A map has been provided in Appendix A to show point sources that may be influencing the water quality at each sample location. Other point sources (upstream of RM 16.20) include the Akron Wastewater Treatment Plant (RM 37.45), Combined Sewer Overflows in Akron, and numerous tributaries to the Cuyahoga River (see *Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Lower Cuyahoga River* for a complete list of tributaries and their locations). These sources, along with the nonpoint sources listed in the table above, may be impacting the health of the fish and benthic macroinvertebrate communities in the Cuyahoga River.

(3) Parameters Covered

Fish specimens will be identified to species level, weighed, counted and examined for the presence of external anomalies including DELTs (deformities, eroded fins, lesions and tumors). An Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Fish Data Sheet will be completed during each assessment. Quantitative fish sampling is expected to be conducted at all locations, unless boat navigation is impeded by unforeseen manmade or natural barriers.

Cuyahoga River flow will be recorded for all locations during each electrofishing pass utilizing data from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) gage station in Independence, Ohio.

Macroinvertebrate community assemblages will be collected from each location and shipped to EA Engineering, Science and Technology<sup>1</sup> for identification and enumeration. EA Engineering, Science and Technology will identify the specimens to the lowest practical taxonomic level and whenever possible, to the level of taxonomy recommended in Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008).

The Ohio EPA Macroinvertebrate Field Sheet will be completed at each site during sampler retrieval. In addition, stream habitat will be measured by scoring components of the QHEI at all locations, including the substrate, instream cover, channel morphology, riparian zone and bank erosion, pool/glide and riffle/run quality and gradient.

Water chemistry samples will be collected at each electrofishing/macroinvertebrate site unless otherwise noted in Section 5. Appendix B lists the parameters to be tested along with the detection limits and practical quantitation limits. Field measurements for dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, and specific conductance will also be performed. A Surface Water Condition Sampling Field Data Form will be completed at each site during each sampling event (Appendix C).

(4) Field Collection and Data Assessment Techniques

Field collections for fish will be conducted with a 17-foot Coffelt electrofishing boat (Smith-Root 5.0 GPP Electrofisher). Boat electrofishing will consist of

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<sup>1</sup> It is anticipated that EA Engineering, Science and Technology will be contracted to complete all macroinvertebrate identification. However, awarding of the contract is dependent upon approval by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees, which, to date, has not occurred. An amended study plan will be submitted if someone else is awarded the contract.

shocking all habitat types within a sampling zone, which is 0.5 kilometers in length, while moving from upstream to downstream. The stunned fish will be collected and put in an on-board live well for later processing. Each boat sampling zone will be electroshocked two or three times during the field season (June 15 - October 15).

Fish will be identified to species level, weighed, counted, and examined for the presence of external anomalies including DELTs. Fish easily identified (commonly collected from year to year) will be returned to the site from which they are collected. Subsamples of difficult to identify species will be brought back to the laboratory for verification by NEORSD Level 3 Fish Qualified Data Collectors (QDC) and, if necessary, sent to The Ohio State University Museum of Biological Diversity for verification by the Curator and/or Associate Curator of Fish. Voucher specimens will be collected as described in section (14). Endangered species and those too large for preservation will not be collected as voucher specimens, but will instead be photographed. Photographed vouchers will include features that permit definitive identification of the particular species.

Fish will be preserved in 37 percent formaldehyde in the field, soaked in tap water for 24 to 48 hours after 5 to 7 days, then transferred to solutions of 30 and 50 percent ethanol for 5 to 7 days each and, finally, to 70 percent ethanol for long-term storage. Specimens larger than six inches will be slit along the right side and then soaked in formalin for approximately 10 to 14 days before being transferred to water and solutions of 30, 50 and 70 percent ethanol. Label information will include location (description and coordinates), date, time, collectors' names and sample identification code for each specimen collected.

Macroinvertebrate sampling will be conducted using quantitative and qualitative sampling techniques. Quantitative sampling will include installation of a modified five Hester-Dendy multi-plate artificial substrate sampler assemblage (HD) that is colonized for a six-week period. Multiple HD samplers will be installed at one or all of the locations in case samplers are lost due to vandalism, burial, etc. and for the purposes of providing a replicate sample. Qualitative sampling will be conducted using a D-frame dip net when HD samplers are retrieved. The Ohio EPA Macroinvertebrate Field Sheet will be completed during each HD retrieval. Ronald Maichle of NEORSD, a Level 3 QDC for Benthic Macroinvertebrate Biology, will identify the specimens in the replicate sample to the lowest practical taxonomic level and when the condition of the specimen allows, to the level of taxonomy recommended in Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008). Any midges that are identified by Ronald Maichle will be verified by another Level 3 QDC for Benthic Macroinvertebrate Biology. Voucher specimens will be collected as described in section (14). All other

macroinvertebrate community assemblages will be shipped to EA Engineering, Science and Technology for identification and enumeration. EA Engineering, Science and Technology will identify specimens to the lowest practical taxonomic level and when the condition of the specimen allows, to the level of taxonomy recommended in Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008). Voucher specimens will be collected as described in section (14). Stream flow will be measured with a Marsh-McBirney FloMate Model 2000 Portable Flow Meter, which measures flow in feet per second, when the HD samplers are installed and retrieved.

A detailed description of the sampling and analysis methods utilized in the fish community and macroinvertebrate surveys, including calculations of the IBI, MIwb and ICI, can be found in Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volumes II* (1987, updated January 1, 1988; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008) and *III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008).

Water chemistry sampling will be completed at all locations and will occur across a variety of flow conditions. Techniques used for water chemistry sampling and chemical analyses will follow the *Manual of Ohio EPA Surveillance Methods and Quality Assurance Practices* (2009). Chemical water quality samples from each site will be collected with one 4-liter disposable polyethylene cubitainer with disposable polypropylene lid and two 473 mL plastic bottles. All water quality samples will be collected as grab samples. One duplicate sample and one field blank will be collected at a randomly selected site, at the frequency not less than 10% of the total samples collected, for this study plan. The acceptable relative percent difference (RPD) for field duplicate samples will be  $\leq 30$  percent; results outside this range will trigger further evaluation and investigation into causes for disparities. RPD values above 30 percent, with results less than ten times the practical quantitation limit, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine if there is any merit for further investigation. Acid preservation of the samples, as specified in the NEORS laboratory's standard operating procedure for each parameter, will occur in the field. Appendix B lists the analytical method, method detection limit and practical quantitation limit for each parameter analyzed. Field analyses include the use of either a YSI-556 MPS Multi-Parameter Water Quality Meter or YSI 600XL sonde to measure dissolved oxygen, water temperature, specific conductivity and pH; and when necessary, a Hanna HI 98129 meter to measure pH. Specifications for these meters have been included in Appendix D.

The QHEI, as described in Ohio EPA's, *Methods for Assessing Habitat in Flowing Waters: Using the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI)* (2006) will be used to assess aquatic habitat conditions at each sample location.

Where possible, data assessment will include an analysis of temporal and spatial trends in the collected data. Species assemblages and individual metrics will be analyzed. Graphs that show current and historic QHEI, IBI, MIwb and ICI scores and how these scores compare to attainment status of biocriteria will be prepared. Water chemistry data collected will be compared to Ohio water quality standards to determine whether any excursions from the applicable water quality criteria have occurred. Comparisons between water quality and biological community health will only be made if at least three water quality samples have been collected from that site.

(5) Sampling Locations

The following electrofishing and macroinvertebrate sample locations, listed from upstream to downstream on the Cuyahoga River, will be surveyed during the 2009 field season. HD and water chemistry collection sites are located near the mid point of each electrofishing zone, indicated by river mile, unless otherwise noted. GPS coordinates are recorded at the downstream end of each electrofishing zone.

Location	Latitude	Longitude	River Mile	Description	Quadrangle	Purpose
Old Riverview Road	N41.3678°	W81.6139°	16.20	Downstream of the confluence with Tinkers Creek	Northfield	Background data for fish, habitat and macroinvertebrates
Upstream of Mill Creek	N41.4123° N41.4123°	W81.6364° W81.6364°	12.10 <sup>2</sup> 11.95	Upstream of the confluence with Mill Creek (I-480)	Cleveland South	Evaluate Mill Creek discharge on fish, habitat and macroinvertebrates
Downstream of Mill Creek	N41.4179°	W81.6446°	11.30	Downstream of the confluence with Mill Creek	Cleveland South	Evaluate Mill and West Creek discharges on fish, habitat and macroinvertebrates
Upstream of Southerly WWTC	N41.4196°	W81.6547°	10.75	Upstream of Southerly WWTC effluent discharge	Cleveland South	Evaluate West Creek and Southerly WWTC discharge on fish, habitat and macroinvertebrates
Downstream of Southerly WWTC	N41.4214° N41.4242°	W81.6590° W81.6638°	10.30 <sup>3</sup> 10.10	Downstream of Southerly WWTC effluent discharge	Cleveland South	Evaluate Southerly WWTC discharge on fish, habitat and macroinvertebrates

<sup>2</sup> HD and Water Chemistry Collection Site

<sup>3</sup> The site at RM 10.30 has historically been the downstream of Southerly WWTC sampling location. The site at RM 10.10 was added in 2006 because it is in an area more conducive to macroinvertebrate colonization due to the presence of a functional riffle and is also within the electrofishing zone. Both sites will be sampled for macroinvertebrates in 2009.

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Location	Latitude	Longitude	River Mile	Description	Quadrangle	Purpose
Upstream of Big Creek	N41.4393° N41.4395°	W81.6713° W81.6754°	8.30 <sup>1</sup> 8.20	Upstream of the confluence with Big Creek	Cleveland South	Evaluate Big Creek discharge on fish, habitat and macroinvertebrates
Downstream of Big Creek	N41.4497°	W81.6815°	7.00	Downstream of the confluence with Big Creek	Cleveland South	Evaluate Big Creek discharge on fish, habitat and macroinvertebrates

(6) Schedule

Two to three electrofishing surveys will be conducted between June 15 and October 15, 2009. Surveys will be conducted at least four to five weeks apart. Specific dates have not been scheduled. River flow and weather conditions will be assessed weekly to determine when each electrofishing pass will be conducted.

Artificial substrate samplers will be installed on the Cuyahoga River once, between June 15 and August 15, 2009, at all of the sites and retrieved six weeks later. Specific dates have not been scheduled. River flow and weather conditions will be assessed weekly to determine when the HD sampler installations and retrievals will be conducted.

Water chemistry samples will be collected a minimum of three times at each site between June 15 and October 15, 2009.

QHEI habitat evaluations will be conducted one time between June 15 and October 15, 2009. These evaluations will be collected around the same time as one of the electrofishing surveys.

(7) QA/QC

Quality assurance and quality control of sampling and analysis methods for habitat, fish, and macroinvertebrate evaluations will follow Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volumes II* (1987, updated January 1, 1988; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008) and *III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989; November 8, 2006; and August 26, 2008) and *Methods for Assessing Habitat in Flowing Waters: Using the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI)* (2006).

Electrofishing equipment will be used according to the guidelines listed in the operation and maintenance manual provided by Smith-Root, Inc. Malfunctioning equipment will not be used to collect data. Proper steps will be taken to correct the problem as soon as possible, whether by repairing in the field, at the NEORS

Environmental & Maintenance Services Center, or by contacting the supplier or an appropriate service company.

Subsamples of difficult to identify fish species will be brought back to the laboratory for verification by Level 3 Fish Qualified Data Collectors (QDC), and if necessary, sent to The Ohio State University Museum of Biological Diversity for verification by the Curator and/or Associate Curator of Fish. Voucher specimens will be collected as described in section (14). Endangered species and those too large for preservation will not be collected as voucher specimens, but will instead be photographed. Photographed vouchers will include features that permit definitive identification of the particular species.

All macroinvertebrate community assemblages, except for the replicate sample, will be collected and shipped to EA Engineering, Science and Technology for identification and enumeration. EA Engineering, Science and Technology will identify specimens to the lowest practical taxonomic level and when the condition of the specimen allows, to the level of taxonomy recommended in Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989 and November 8, 2006). The EA Engineering, Science and Technology QA/QC manual is attached in Appendix E. All macroinvertebrate specimens will be returned to NEORSD by EA Engineering, Science and Technology. Voucher specimens for each site will be separated into individual vials and collected as described in section (14). The remaining specimens for each site will be returned in a single container labeled with the site number and collection method and date. All specimens and accompanying chain-of-custody documentation will be retained by NEORSD and stored at the Environmental & Maintenance Services Center for a period not less than ten years.

Water samples obtained for chemical analyses will be collected, labeled and then placed on ice inside the field truck. The field truck will remain locked at all times when not occupied/visible. Sampling activities, including sample time and condition of surface water sampled, will be entered in a QDC log book and on the Surface Water Condition Sampling Field Data Form. The samples will then be delivered immediately to the NEORSD Analytical Services cooler, after which the door to the cooler will be locked, and the samples will be transferred to the custody of Analytical Services. The NEORSD Analytical Services Quality Manual and associated Standard Operating Procedures are on file with Ohio EPA. The Quality Assurance Officer at Analytical Service will send updates, revisions and any information on document control to Ohio EPA as needed.

(8) Work Products

Within one year of completion of the project, fish data (species, numbers, weights, pollution tolerances, the incidence of DELT anomalies, IBI and MIwb scores),

macroinvertebrate data (types and numbers of macroinvertebrates collected and ICI scores), habitat data (QHEI raw data and scores) and water chemistry results will be submitted to the Ohio EPA. Additionally, reports summarizing, interpreting, graphically presenting and discussing the IBI, MIwb, ICI and QHEI scores and any excursions from water quality standards will be prepared for internal use.

(9) Qualified Data Collectors

The following Level 3 Qualified Data Collectors (QDC) will be involved with this study:

Name	Address	Email Address	Phone Number	QDC Specialty(s)
<sup>1,4</sup> John W. Rhoades	4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	rhoadesj@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 008 CWQA/FCB/SHA/ BMB
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Seth Hothem	4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	hothems@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 010 CWQA/FCB/SHA
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<sup>2,3</sup> Tom Zablontny	4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	zablontnyt@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 018 CWQA/FCB/SHA
Ron Maichle	4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	maichler@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 145 CWQA/SHA/BMB
<sup>6</sup> Francisco Rivera	4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	riveraf@neorsd.org	216-641-6000	QDC - 262 CWQA
<sup>5</sup> Marty Sneen	EA Engineering, Science and Technology 444 Lake Cook Road, Suite #18 Deerfield, IL 60015	msneen@eaest.com	847-945-8010	QDC - 026 BMB
<sup>1</sup> Lead Project Manager		<sup>4</sup> Benthic Macroinvertebrate Biology (BMB) Project Manager		
<sup>2</sup> Fish Community Biology (FCB) Project Manager		<sup>5</sup> Benthic Macroinvertebrate Identification		
<sup>3</sup> Stream Habitat Assessment (SHA) Project Manager		<sup>6</sup> Chemical Water Quality Assessment (CWQA) Project Manager		

The following is a list of persons not qualified as QDCs who may be involved in the project. Prior to the start of sampling, the project managers will explain to each individual the proper methods for sampling. Sampling will only be completed under the direct observation of a QDC. The lead project manager will be responsible for reviewing all reports and data analysis prepared by qualified personnel prior to completion.

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Kristina Granlund	4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	granlundk@neorsd.org	216-641-6000

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Summer Co-op	4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	To Be Determined	216-641-6000
Summer Co-op	4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	To Be Determined	216-641-6000
Summer Co-op	4747 East 49 <sup>th</sup> Street Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio 44125	To Be Determined	216-641-6000

- (10) Documentation of approval of project managers and other personnel as level 3 qualified data collectors

See attached (Appendix F).

- (11) Contract laboratory contact information

Any fish that is not positively identified in the field or NEORSD laboratory will be sent to The Ohio State University Museum of Biological Diversity for verification by the Curator and/or Associate Curator of Fish. Fish will be identified to the species level.

Dr. Ted Cavender, Curator of Fish / Mr. Marc Kibbey, Associate Curator of Fish  
 1315 Kinnear Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212  
[cavender.1@osu.edu](mailto:cavender.1@osu.edu) / [kibbey.3@osu.edu](mailto:kibbey.3@osu.edu)  
 614-292-7873

Identification of macroinvertebrates will be completed by EA Engineering, Science and Technology. Benthic macroinvertebrates will be identified to the lowest practical level as recommended in Ohio EPA's *Biological Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life, Volume III* (1987, updated September 30, 1989, November 8, 2006, and August 26, 2008).

Marty Sneen, Benthic Specialist (QDC# 026)  
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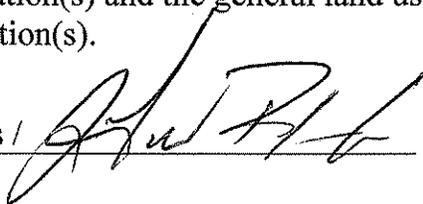
(12) Copy of ODNR collector's permit

To be submitted electronically when issued to NEORSD by ODNR.

(13) Catalog Statement

A digital photo catalog of all sampling locations will be maintained for 10 years and will include photos of the specific sampling location(s), the riparian zone adjacent to the sampling location(s) and the general land use in the immediate vicinity of the sampling location(s).

Print/Signature: John W. Rhoades



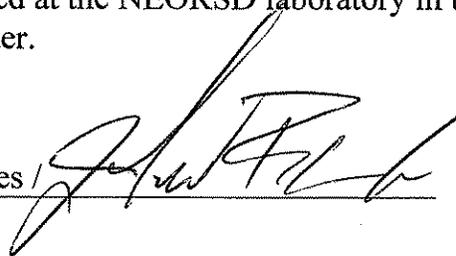
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(14) Voucher Specimen Statement

NEORSD will maintain a benthic macroinvertebrate and fish voucher collection which includes two specimens, or appropriate photo vouchers, of each species or taxa collected during the course of biological sampling from any stream within the NEORSD's service area. When benthic macroinvertebrates from multiple surface waters are collected within the same year and identified by the same QDC, one voucher collection will be created to represent the specimens collected from those streams. When fish specimens from multiple surface waters are collected within the same year, one voucher collection will be created to represent the specimens collected from those streams. A separate collection for each sampling event will not be maintained.

NEORSD will provide specimens or photo vouchers to the Director upon request. This collection will be stored at the NEORSD laboratory in the Environmental and Maintenance Services Center.

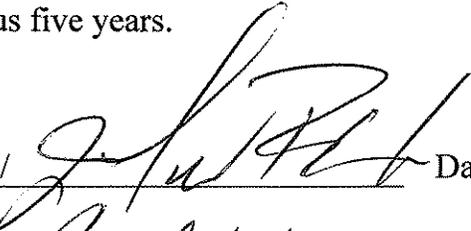
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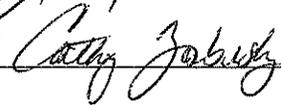


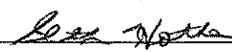
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(15) Trespassing Statement

I have not been convicted or pleaded guilty to a Violation of section 2911.21 of the Revised Code (criminal trespass) or a substantially similar municipal ordinance within the previous five years.

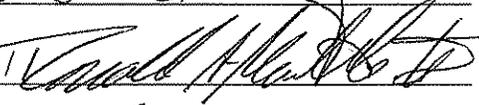
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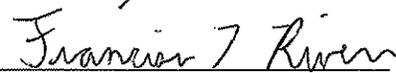
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Print/Signature: Tom Zablotny /  Date: 3-6-09

Print/Signature: Ron Maichle /  Date: 03-06-09

Print/Signature: Francisco Rivera /  Date: 3/6/09

## Appendix A



**Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District**  
Protecting Your Health and Environment

Overview Map

**Cuyahoga River Electrofishing & Benthic Macroinvertebrate Surveys**

- CSO Outfalls
- Fish, Macroinvertebrate, QHEI, and Water Sample Site
- Automated Regulators
- Manual Control Device
- Hydro Brake
- Regulator
- Wastewater Treatment Facility
- WQIS Industries
- Flow Monitor
- Level Monitor
- Remote Level Monitor
- Rain Gauges
- Interceptor Sewer
- (ICRS) Intercommunity Relief Sewer
- CSO Control Sewer
- CSO Sewer
- Local Combined Sewer
- Local Sanitary Sewer
- Local Storm Sewer
- Local Culverted Stream
- Local Force Main
- Storm Sewer Pipe
- Stream
- Community Boundary

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## Appendix B

Parameter	Test	Minimum Detection Limit	Practical Quantitation Limit
Alkalinity	EPA 310.2	3.3 mg/L	10 mg/L
COD	EPA 410.4	5 mg/L	10 mg/L
Hex Chrome	SM 3500 Cr D. *	1 ug/L	10 ug/L
Mercury	EPA 245.1	0.005 ug/L	0.050 ug/L
NH3	EPA 350.1	0.004 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
NO2 + NO3	EPA 353.2	0.003 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
NO2	SM 4500-NO <sub>2</sub> B. *	0.002 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
NO3	EPA 353.2	0.003 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
Soluble-P	EPA 365.2	0.002 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
Total-P	EPA 365.2	0.001 mg/L	0.010 mg/L
BOD	EPA 405.1 (5 Day)	2 mg/L	
Ag	EPA 200.7	0.12 µg/L	1.00 µg/L
Al	EPA 200.7	3.0 µg/L	10.0 µg/L
As	EPA 200.7	0.38 µg/L	2.00 µg/L
Be	EPA 200.7	0.12 µg/L	1.00 µg/L
Ca	EPA 200.7	14 µg/L	275 µg/L
Hardness (calc.)	SM 2340 B *	CaCO <sub>3</sub> mg/L =(2.497*Ca mg/L)+(4.118*Mg mg/L)	
Cd	EPA 200.7	0.15 ug/L	1.00 µg/L
Co	EPA 200.7	0.12 ug/L	1.00 µg/L
Cr	EPA 200.7	0.51 ug/L	1.00 µg/L
Cu	EPA 200.7	0.17 ug/L	1.00 µg/L
Fe	EPA 200.7	1.5 ug/L	1.00 µg/L
K	EPA 200.7	30 ug/L	275 µg/L
Mg	EPA 200.7	5 ug/L	150 µg/L
Mn	EPA 200.7	0.17 ug/L	1.00 µg/L
Mo	EPA 200.7	0.18 ug/L	2.00 µg/L
Na	EPA 200.7	23 ug/L	275 µg/L
Ni	EPA 200.7	0.22 ug/L	2.00 µg/L
Pb	EPA 200.7	0.28 ug/L	3.00 ug/L
Sb	EPA 200.7	0.43 ug/L	5.00 ug/L
Se	EPA 200.7	0.86 ug/L	5.00 ug/L
Sn	EPA 200.7	4.6 ug/L	25.0 ug/L
Total Metals	EPA 200.7	µg/L =(Cr µg/L)+(Cu µg/L)+(Ni µg/L)+(Zn µg/L)	
Ti	EPA 200.7	0.64 ug/L	2.00 ug/L
Tl	EPA 200.7	1.1 ug/L	5.0 ug/L
V	EPA 200.7	0.24 ug/L	1.00 ug/L
Zn	EPA 200.7	0.8 ug/L	10.0 ug/L
TS	SM 2540 B	0.5 mg/L	1.0 mg/L
TSS	SM 2540 D	0.5 mg/L	1.0 mg/L
TDS	SM 2540 C	0.5 mg/L	1.0 mg/L
Turbidity	EPA 180.1	0.1 NTU	0.2 NTU
pH	SM 4500H-B *	(value reported in standard units)	
<b>Field Parameter</b>			
	<b>Test</b>	<b>(Value Reported in)</b>	
pH	EPA 150.1	s.u.	
Specific Conductivity	SM 2510 A *	µs/cm	
Dissolved Oxygen	SM 4500-0 G *	mg/L	
Temperature	EPA 170.1	°C	
Flow at Hester-Dendy		fps	

\* Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 19<sup>th</sup> Edition

## Appendix C

**NEORSD Surface Water Condition Sampling Field Data Form**

Stream: \_\_\_\_\_ Collectors: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cuyahoga River Daily Mean Discharge\*: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>/sec

Was this sample taken during or following a wet weather event? YES / NO  
If yes, when and how much rain occurred? \_\_\_\_\_

Water Quality Meters Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Location (RM): \_\_\_\_\_

Flow: Low Normal High Other: \_\_\_\_\_

HD Status: OK Buried Out of Water H-D was Reset  
Unknown (river to high) Missing Not Installed Flow: \_\_\_\_\_ fps

Clarity: Clear Murky Turbid Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: None Green Brown Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Parameters: Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L): \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature (°C): \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Conductance (µmhos/cm): \_\_\_\_\_ pH (s.u.): \_\_\_\_\_

General Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Blank Site / Sample Duplicate Site

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Location (RM): \_\_\_\_\_

Flow: Low Normal High Other: \_\_\_\_\_

HD Status: OK Buried Out of Water H-D was Reset  
Unknown (river to high) Missing Not Installed Flow: \_\_\_\_\_ fps

Clarity: Clear Murky Turbid Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: None Green Brown Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Parameters: Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L): \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature (°C): \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Conductance (µmhos/cm): \_\_\_\_\_ pH (s.u.): \_\_\_\_\_

General Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Blank Site / Sample Duplicate Site

Sample ID:  
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**NEORSD Surface Water Condition Sampling Field Data Form**

Stream: \_\_\_\_\_ Collectors: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cuyahoga River Daily Mean Discharge\*: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>/sec

Was this sample taken during or following a wet weather event? YES / NO  
If yes, when and how much rain occurred? \_\_\_\_\_

Water Quality Meters Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Location (RM): \_\_\_\_\_

Flow: Low Normal High Other: \_\_\_\_\_

HD Status: OK Buried Out of Water H-D was Reset

Unknown (river to high) Missing Not Installed Flow: \_\_\_\_\_ fps

Clarity: Clear Murky Turbid Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: None Green Brown Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Parameters: Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L): \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature (°C): \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Conductance (µmhos/cm): \_\_\_\_\_ pH (s.u.): \_\_\_\_\_

General Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Blank Site / Sample Duplicate Site

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Location (RM): \_\_\_\_\_

Flow: Low Normal High Other: \_\_\_\_\_

HD Status: OK Buried Out of Water H-D was Reset

Unknown (river to high) Missing Not Installed Flow: \_\_\_\_\_ fps

Clarity: Clear Murky Turbid Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: None Green Brown Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Parameters: Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L): \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature (°C): \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Conductance (µmhos/cm): \_\_\_\_\_ pH (s.u.): \_\_\_\_\_

General Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Blank Site / Sample Duplicate Site

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## Appendix D

# HI 98129

## Combo pH/EC/TDS/Temperature Tester with Low Range EC



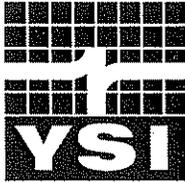
### Description

The HI 98129 Combo waterproof tester offer high accuracy pH, EC/TDS and temperature measurements in a single tester! No more switching between meters for your routine measurements. The waterproof Combo (it even floats) has a large easy-to-read, dual-level LCD and automatic shut-off. pH and EC/TDS readings are automatically compensated for the effects of temperature (ATC). This technologically advanced tester has a replaceable pH electrode cartridge with an extendable cloth junction as well as an EC/TDS graphite electrode that resists contamination by salts and other substances. This gives these meters a greatly extended life. Your tester no longer needs to be thrown away when the pH sensor is exhausted.

The EC/TDS conversion factor is user selectable as is the temperature compensation coefficient ( $\beta$ ). Fast, efficient, accurate and portable, the Combo pH, EC/TDS and temperature tester brings you all the features you've asked for and more!

### Specifications

Range	pH	0.00 to 14.00 pH
Range	EC	0 to 3999 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
Range	TDS	0 to 2000 ppm
Range	Temperature	0.0 to 60.0°C / 32 to 140.0°F
Resolution	pH	0.01 pH
Resolution	EC	1 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
Resolution	TDS	1 ppm
Resolution	Temperature	0.1°C / 0.1°F
Accuracy	pH	$\pm 0.05$ pH
Accuracy	EC/TDS	$\pm 2\%$ F.S.
Accuracy	Temperature	$\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ / $\pm 1^\circ\text{F}$
Temperature Compensation		pH: automatic; EC/TDS: automatic with $\beta$ adjustable from 0.0 to 2.4% / °C
Calibration	pH	automatic, 1 or 2 points with 2 sets of memorized buffers (pH 4.01 / 7.01 / 10.01 or 4.01 / 6.86 / 9.18)
Calibration	EC/TDS	automatic, 1 point
TDS Conversion Factor		adjustable from 0.45 to 1.00
pH Electrode		HI 73127 (replaceable; included)
Environment		0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F); RH max 100%
Battery Type / Life		4 x 1.5V / approx. 100 hours of continuous use; auto-off after 8 minutes of non-use
Dimensions		163 x 40 x 26 mm (6.4 x 1.6 x 1.0")
Weight		100 g (3.5 oz.)



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## YSI 600XL & 600XLM Sensor Specifications

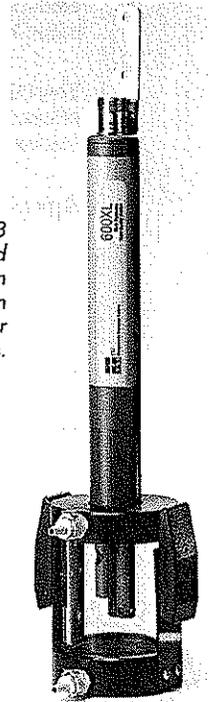
	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation 6562 Rapid Pulse™ Sensor* <b>ETV</b>	0 to 500%	0.1%	0 to 200%: ±2% of reading or 2% air saturation, whichever is greater; 200 to 500%: ±6% of reading
Dissolved Oxygen mg/L 6562 Rapid Pulse™ Sensor* <b>ETV</b>	0 to 50 mg/L	0.01 mg/L	0 to 20 mg/L: ± 0.2 mg/L or 2% of reading, whichever is greater; 20 to 50 mg/L: ±6% of reading
Conductivity* 6560 Sensor* <b>ETV</b>	0 to 100 mS/cm	0.001 to 0.1 mS/cm (range dependent)	±0.5% of reading + 0.001 mS/cm
Salinity	0 to 70 ppt	0.01 ppt	±1% of reading or 0.1 ppt, whichever is greater
Temperature 6560 Sensor* <b>ETV</b>	-5 to +50°C	0.01°C	±0.15°C
pH 6561 Sensor* <b>ETV</b>	0 to 14 units	0.01 unit	±0.2 unit
ORP	-999 to +999 mV	0.1 mV	±20 mV
Depth & Level	Medium	0 to 200 ft, 61 m	±0.4 ft, ±0.12 m
	Shallow	0 to 30 ft, 9.1 m	±0.06 ft, ±0.02 m
	Vented Level	0 to 30 ft, 9.1 m	±0.01 ft, 0.003 m

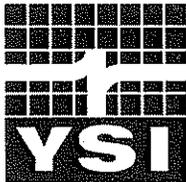
\* Report outputs of specific conductance (conductivity corrected to 25°C), resistivity, and total dissolved solids are also provided. These values are automatically calculated from conductivity according to algorithms found in *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater* (ed 1989).

## YSI 600XL & 600XLM Sonde Specifications

Medium		Fresh, sea or polluted water
Temperature	Operating	-5 to +50°C
	Storage	-10 to +60°C
Communications		RS-232, SDI-12
Software		EcoWatch*
Dimensions 600XL   600XLM	Diameter	1.65 in, 4.19 cm   1.65 in, 4.9 cm
	Length	16 in, 40.6 cm   21.3 in, 54.1 cm
	Weight	1.3 lbs, 0.59 kg   1.5 lbs, 0.69 kg
Power	External	12 V DC
	Internal (600XLM only)	4 AA-size alkaline batteries

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## YSI 600XL and 600XLM Sondes

### Measure multiple parameters simultaneously

The YSI 600XL and YSI 600XLM compact sondes measure eleven parameters simultaneously:

Temperature	TDS
Conductivity	pH
Specific Conductance	ORP
Salinity	Depth or Level
Resistivity	Rapid Pulse™ DO (% and mg/L)



The YSI 600XL and 600XLM

### Connect with Data Collection Platforms

Either sonde can easily connect to the YSI 6200 DAS (Data Acquisition System), YSI EcoNet™ or your own data collection platform, via SDI-12 for remote and real-time data acquisition applications.

### Economical Logging System

The YSI 600XLM is an economical logging system for long-term, *in situ* monitoring and profiling. It will log all parameters at programmable intervals and store 150,000 readings. At one-hour intervals, the instrument will log data for about 75 days utilizing its own power source. The 600XL can also be utilized in the same manner with user-supplied external power.

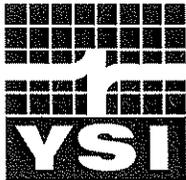
- Either sonde fits down 2-inch wells
- Horizontal measurements in very shallow waters
- Stirring-independent Rapid Pulse® dissolved oxygen sensor
- Field-replaceable sensors
- Easily connects to data collection platforms
- Available with detachable cables to measure depth up to 200 feet
- Compatible with YSI 650 Multiparameter Display System
- Use with the YSI 5083 flow cell for groundwater applications

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### Sensor performance verified\*

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## YSI 650MDS Specifications

Temperature	Operating	-10 to +60°C for visible display
	Storage	-20 to +70°C
Waterproof Rating		IP-67 for both the standard alkaline battery configuration and for the rechargeable battery pack option
Connector		MS-8; meets IP-67 specification
Dimensions	Width	4.7 in, 11.9 cm
	Length	9 in, 22.9 cm
	Weight with batteries	2.1 lbs, 0.91 kg
Display		VGA; LCD with 320 by 240 pixels with backlight
Power	Standard	4 alkaline C-cells with detachable battery cover
	Optional	Ni metal hydride battery pack with attached battery cover and 110/220 volt charging system
Communications		RS-232 to all sondes, for data transfer to PC, and for software updates
Optional GPS		NMEA 0183; requires user-supplied GPS and YSI 6115 Y-cable
Backlight		4 LEDs illuminating LCD; user-selectable
Keypad		20 keys, including instrument on/off, backlight on/off, enter, esc, 10 number/letter entry keys, 2 vertical arrow keys, 2 horizontal arrow keys, period key, and minus key
Warranty		3 years

## Ordering Information

650-01	Instrument, standard memory
650-02	Instrument, high memory
650-03	Instrument, standard memory, barometer
650-04	Instrument, high memory, barometer
6113	Rechargeable battery pack kit with 110 volt charger and adapter cable
616	Charger, cigarette lighter
4654	Tripod
614	Ultra clamp, C-clamp mount
5081	Carrying case, hard-sided
5085	Hands-free harness
5065	Form-fitted carrying case
6115	Y-cable for interface with user-supplied GPS system



The 650MDS can interface with any YSI sonde for

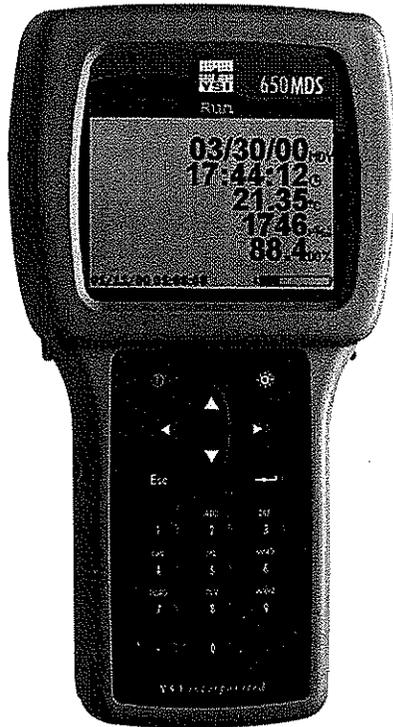
- spot sampling
- short-term studies
- surface and ground water monitoring
- water level monitoring

Packaged together, the 600QS system includes a 600R conductivity sonde, 650MDS, field cable, and additional sensor options such as pH, dissolved oxygen, ORP, and vented level.



## YSI 650 Multiparameter Display System

### *Rugged and Reliable Display and Data Logging System*



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- Compatible with EcoWatch® for Windows® data analysis software
- User-upgradable software from YSI's website
- Menu-driven, easy-to-use interface
- Multiple language capabilities
- Graphing feature
- Three-year warranty

### **Feature-Packed Performance**

#### *Battery Life*

With the standard alkaline battery configuration of 4 C-cells, the YSI 650 will power itself and a YSI 6600 sonde continuously for approximately 30 hours. Or, choose the rechargeable battery pack option with quick-charge feature.

#### *Optional Barometer*

Temperature-compensated barometer readings are displayed and can be used in dissolved oxygen calibration. Measurements can be logged to memory for tracking changes in barometric pressure.

#### *Optional GPS Interface*

Designed to NMEA protocol, the YSI 650 MDS will display and log real-time GPS readings with a user supplied GPS interfaced with YSI 6-Series sondes.

#### *Memory Options*

Standard memory with 150 data sets, or a high-memory option (1.5 MB) with more than 50,000 data sets; both options with time and date stamp.

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*The 650MDS can be used with YSI sondes for spot sampling as well as short-term data logging.*

*Supply a GPS with NMEA 0183 protocol, connect with the YSI 6115 kit, and collect GPS data along with water quality data.*

*Upload data from the 650 to EcoWatch® for instant data viewing.*





## Appendix E

## **Standard Operating Procedures**

### Laboratory Processing of Benthic Samples

Upon arrival at the laboratory, the Hester-Dendy (H-D) and qualitative samples were logged in and accounted for. Prior to sorting and identification, each sample was rinsed on a No. 60 (0.250 mm openings) U.S. Standard Testing Sieve to remove the preservative and the H-D plates were scraped to remove the organisms. Sorting of each H-D sample was conducted in a white enamel pan first under a magnifier lamp and finally under a compound dissecting scope. If necessary, a Folsom sample splitter was used to subsample the H-Ds until a more manageable number of organisms was achieved. Prior to splitting, the sample was pre-picked to remove any large and/or rare taxa. In all a minimum of 250 organisms were removed from the fractionated samples. Organisms were sorted to higher taxonomic levels (generally Class or Order level) and preserved separately in labeled vials containing 70% ethyl alcohol. To assure a consistent level of quality and sorting efficiency, senior EA personnel checked all samples. The qualitative samples contained very little detrital matter and therefore were simply rinsed prior to identification.

Macroinvertebrate identifications were made to the lowest practical taxonomic level using the most current literature available (see attached list of taxonomic literature). Whenever possible, the level of identifications followed those recommended by Ohio EPA (2006). Chironomidae larvae were cleared in warm 10% potassium hydroxide and mounted in CMC-10 prior to identification. Approximately 100 chironomids from any single sample were mounted for identification. For all sample types, specimens were enumerated, coded and recorded on a standard laboratory bench sheet for data processing.

### Data Analyses

The Invertebrate Community Index (ICI) was used as the principal measure of overall macroinvertebrate community condition. Developed by the Ohio EPA, the ICI is a modification of the Index of Biotic Integrity for fish (Ohio EPA 1987). The ICI consists of ten individually scored structural community metrics:

1. Total number of taxa
2. Total number of mayfly taxa
3. Total number of caddisfly taxa
4. Total number of dipteran taxa
5. Percent mayflies
6. Percent caddisflies
7. Percent Tanytarsini midges
8. Percent other dipterans and non-insects
9. Percent tolerant organisms
10. Total number of qualitative EPT taxa.

Scoring criteria for all ten metrics is dependent upon drainage area. The scoring of an individual sample was based on the relevant attributes of that sample compared to equivalent data from 232 reference sites throughout Ohio. Metric scores range from six points for values comparable to exceptional community structure to zero points for values that deviate strongly from the expected range of values based on scoring criteria established by Ohio EPA (1989a). The sum of the individual metric scores resulted in the ICI score for that particular location.

For H-D samples with a total count of less than 50 organisms, low-end scoring is used. For low-

end scoring, the proportional ICI metrics five through nine automatically default to a score of zero. This prevents metric scores from being biased due to meaningless proportions of few individuals and taxa (OEPA 2006).

Calculation of the ICI was conducted using a computer program written for the software SAS® by EA in 1994. This program is continuously tested and updated to ensure its accuracy.

The only other statistical comparison used was the relative abundance (or percent composition) of individual taxa from each site and sample type. Relative abundance was calculated for both sample types as:

$$\text{Rel. Abund.(\%)} = 100 \times \frac{\text{\# Individuals of a Taxa}}{\text{Total \# of Individuals in Sample}}$$

All sample processing and data analysis were completed by permanent and full-time EA Engineering, Science, & Technology, Inc. staff working in our Deerfield, Illinois office and laboratory. Specific staff members that worked on this project and relevant years of experience are listed below by task:

<u>Task</u>	<u>EA Personnel</u>	<u>Years of Experience</u>
Login, Sorting, Mounting	Conrad Zack	3
Identification	Marty Sneen	20
Data Analysis	Joe Vondruska	25
	Marty Sneen	20

### **Selected Ohio EPA Reporting Requirements**

#### Item 12-Taxonomic literature

Although EA's taxonomic library contains substantially more references than are listed here, the following list only includes taxonomic literature used to identify the benthos in samples from Big Creek, Doan Brook, Euclid Creek, Mill Creek, and the Cuyahoga River.

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#### Item 13-Voucher Collection

A voucher collection was developed containing two good specimens (when available) of each taxon identified from the samples. This voucher collection along with all sample specimens will be returned to NEORSD upon completion of all the sample analysis.

Outside expert specimen verification was not necessary for identification of these specimens. EA maintains a sizable macroinvertebrate voucher collection with over 1800 specimens representing over 700 taxa used for verification. If this taxonomic library proved to be insufficient, every reasonable attempt would be made to have the specimen(s) identified or verified by a noted authority.

#### Item 16-Chironomidae Identification

Chironomidae larvae were cleared in warm 10% potassium hydroxide and mounted in CMC-10 prior to identification. Generally, up to 100 chironomids from any single sample are mounted

for identification. Species level identifications generally follow those suggested by Ohio EPA.

#### Item 17-Copies of Raw Data

Copies of the laboratory bench sheets are appended to the hard copy of this document.

#### Item 18-ICI Calculation

The Invertebrate Community Index (ICI) was used as the principal measure of overall macroinvertebrate community condition. Developed by the Ohio EPA, the ICI is a modification of the Index of Biotic Integrity for fish (Ohio EPA 1987). The ICI consists of ten individually scored structural community metrics:

- |                                |                                            |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. Total number of taxa        | 3. Total number of caddisfly taxa          |
| 2. Total number of mayfly taxa | 4. Total number of dipteran taxa           |
| 5. Percent mayflies            | 8. Percent other dipterans and non-insects |
| 6. Percent caddisflies         | 9. Percent tolerant organisms              |
| 7. Percent Tanytarsini midges  | 10. Total number of qualitative EPT taxa.  |

Scoring criteria for all ten metrics is dependent upon drainage area. The scoring of an individual sample was based on the relevant attributes of that sample compared to equivalent data from at least 232 plus reference sites throughout Ohio. Metric scores range from six points for values comparable to exceptional community structure to zero points for values that deviate strongly from the expected range of values based on scoring criteria established by Ohio EPA (1989a). The sum of the individual metric scores resulted in the ICI score for that particular location.

Calculation of the ICI was conducted using a computer program written for the software SAS® by EA in 1994. This program is continuously tested and updated to ensure its accuracy.

#### Item 20-Statistical Analyses

The only other statistical comparison used was the relative abundance (or percent composition) of individual taxa per site and sample type. Relative abundance was calculated for both sample types as:

$$\text{Rel. Abund.} = \frac{\# \text{ Individuals of a Taxa}}{\text{Total \# of Individuals in Sample}}$$

#### Item 21-Results

Complete results are appended to the hard copy of this document.

#### Item 25-Electronically Formatted Data

For convenience, the data and text are provided in electronic format as Word 2003<sup>®</sup> files via email and on the enclosed CD-RW.

## Appendix F



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John W. Rhoades  
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22370 Blossom Drive  
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By: M. Shapiro Date: 8/22/08

Re: Qualified Data Collector Renewal, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

Dear John:

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By: Angela Lassiter Date: 11-4-08

Re: Qualified Data Collector Approval, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

Dear John:

The Division of Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring (Credible Data) Program has reviewed your Qualified Data Collector (QDC) application. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 6111.53 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-4-03, you are approved as a QDC for the following level and specialty:

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**QDC number:** 008

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A renewal application must be submitted in accordance with OAC 3745-4-03(C). As provided in this rule, renewal of status is contingent upon active participation in the Volunteer Monitoring Program at the designated level and specialty. Lack of such participation will prevent you from renewing your status, but you may re-apply for initial QDC status.

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By: Janice Cassler Date: 8-15-08

Re: Qualified Data Collector Renewal, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

Dear Catherine:

The Division of Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring (Credible Data) Program has reviewed your Qualified Data Collector (QDC) renewal application. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 6111.53 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-4-03, you are approved as a QDC for the following level and specialty:

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By: D. J. Lassiter Date: 8-15-08

Re: Qualified Data Collector Renewal, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

Dear Catherine:

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By: Donna Lassiter Date: 8-15-08

Re: Qualified Data Collector Renewal, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

Dear Seth:

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By: [Signature] Date: 8-15-08

Re: Qualified Data Collector Renewal, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

Dear Kathryn:

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By: Don J. Lasser Date: 8-15-08

Re: Qualified Data Collector Renewal, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

Dear Tom:

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**QDC Specialty:** Fish Community Biology  
**QDC number:** 018

Please continue to use your QDC number on all correspondence, study plans, etc. submitted to Ohio EPA.

As noted at the top of this letter, this status is effective as of the date of this letter and expires two years from that date.

At that time, another renewal application must be submitted in accordance with OAC 3745-4-03(C). As rule, renewal of status is contingent upon active participation in the Volunteer Monitoring Program at the designated level and specialty. Lack of such participation will prevent you from renewing your status, but you may re-apply for initial QDC status.

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Ronald Maichle  
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District  
7716 Oakhill Road #E  
North Royalton, Ohio 44133

By: [Signature] Date: 1-7-08

Re: Qualified Data Collector Approval, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

Dear Ronald:

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**QDC Level:** 3  
**QDC Specialty:** Chemical Water Quality Assessment  
**QDC number:** 145

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Ronald Maichle  
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District  
25970 Elmer Avenue  
Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

By: [Signature] Date: 11-4-08

Re: Qualified Data Collector Approval, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

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**QDC Level:** 3  
**QDC Specialty:** Stream Habitat Assessment (QHEI)  
**QDC number:** 145

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Ronald Maichle  
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District  
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Date: 3.3.09

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RECEIVED PROSPECTOR'S DIVISION

Re: Qualified Data Collector Approval, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

Dear Ronald:

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**QDC Level:** 3  
**QDC Specialty:** Benthic Macroinvertebrate Biology  
**QDC number:** 145

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Francisco Rivera  
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District  
951 Center Road  
Eastlake, Ohio 44095

By Donna Lassiter Date: 11-4-08

Re: Qualified Data Collector Approval, Surface Water Volunteer Monitoring Program

Dear Francisco:

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**QDC Level:** 3  
**QDC Specialty:** Chemical Water Quality Assessment  
**QDC number:** 262

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03 February 2009

Mr. John Rhoades  
North East Ohio Regional Sewer District  
Environmental & Maintenance Services Center  
4747 East 49th St.  
Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125-1011

Dear John:

This letter serves as my acknowledgement that I am responsible for the following during the 2009 monitoring period:

- 1) Benthic macroinvertebrate identifications and benthic macroinvertebrate voucher collection development for all benthic macroinvertebrate samples collected as per the 2009 Benthic Macroinvertebrate Sampling Upstream of NEORSO CSO Areas study plan.
- 2) Benthic macroinvertebrate identifications and benthic macroinvertebrate voucher collection development and for all benthic macroinvertebrate samples collected as per the 2009 Cuyahoga River Electrofishing & Benthic Macroinvertebrate Surveys study plan. If necessary to maintain my L3 QDC certification, I will collect a HD and qualitative sample from at least one of the Cuyahoga River sampling sites.
- 3) Benthic macroinvertebrate identifications and benthic macroinvertebrate voucher collection development for all benthic macroinvertebrate samples collected as per the 2009 Dugway Brook East Interceptor Relief Sewer Alignment Baseline Study
- 4) Benthic macroinvertebrate identifications and benthic macroinvertebrate voucher collection development for all benthic macroinvertebrate samples collected as per the 2009 Euclid Creek, East Branch Restoration Baseline Study
- 5) Benthic macroinvertebrate identifications and benthic macroinvertebrate voucher collection development for all benthic macroinvertebrate samples collected as per the 2009 Mill Creek Highland Park Golf Course Stream Restoration Baseline Study
- 6) Benthic macroinvertebrate identifications and benthic macroinvertebrate voucher collection development for all benthic macroinvertebrate samples collected as per the 2009 Creekside WWTP Decommissioning Baseline Study

In addition, I acknowledge that Level 3 QDC Certification by Ohio EPA is required to perform these tasks and that I am responsible for maintaining my Level 3 QDC Certification during the term of these studies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin E. Sneen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martin" being the most prominent part.

Martin E. Sneen  
Benthic Taxonomist/EA Project Manager

Appendix G

***To be submitted electronically when issued to NEORS by ODN.***