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September 22, 2015

Director of The Office of Civil Rights
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code 1201 A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: EPA compliance with health standards to isolate storm drains from sewage drains during heavy rains in the Village of Barrington, Barrington, IL 60010

Dear EPA compliance officer:

On Friday, September 19th, our street and front yard at (b) (6) Privacy Barrington, Illinois became completely water emerged and impassable from heavy rains at approximately 8 p.m. The storm affected adjoining and parallel streets of (b) (6) Privacy As a result, overflowing storm drains and overloaded and ancient infrastructure in village sewage drains combined contents, mixing contaminants. The day after, an ashen-colored haze was observed on driveways, lawn and the stench of sewage remained in the air. The Village of Barrington has ample funds to remediate this problem and has promised to take action all during our time living at this address since 2011, but a project slated for August of 2015 was pushed back with reasoning that another street needed to be evaluated before proceeding. Contaminants from combining sewage with storm drains continue to be a health hazard, especially for infants and the elderly, immune systems being compromised. Our block has two homes where mothers are pregnant, both homes were affected adversely by the recent combination of sewage water and storm drains exceeding capacity during the storm.

When an instance is isolated and has never previously occurred it is considered an afterthought. However, ever since our home ownership in 2011, sewage and storm drains have failed merging contaminants and overloading our street, making exiting and entering our land impossible at times with excessive water on our land and street. The Village has given many panaceas. Most promoted is the use of smoke testing has been done to determine home owners not complying with drainage ordinances with potential to overload drains. Village board meetings where home owners have voiced discontent have been dismissed with members stating infrastructure will not be discussed. Multi millions of tax payer funds have gone to upgrading the downtown by building a new strip mall completed this year, and renovating a historic home called the White House. Millions of tax payer funds have gone to fighting the already grandfathered railroad. The village has taken a role in buying up downtown properties only to have them sit vacant, but yet our health concerns on (b) (6) Privacy for proper drainage have been delayed. The village of Barrington has funds to do whatever the board deems a priority. The health of residents living on (b) (6) Privacy and adjoining and parallel streets are insignificant, if the time line for remediation has taken this long. Meanwhile, dogs take walks, children ride bikes, grandparents push baby buggies all on the sidewalks contaminated from sewage and storm drains merging entities.

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Because the EPA investigates complaints when humans are exposed to contaminants causing potential for health hazards, it is my firm hope that action can be taken in the near future to research what the Village of Barrington, Illinois intends to do to protect our environment

Thank you for your time and thoughtful expertise.

Sincerely,

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