



SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO: info@trumbauersvilleboro.org

July 22, 2025

Ms. Dani McClanahan, Borough Administrator
Trumbauersville Borough
1 Evergreen Drive
Trumbauersville, PA 18970

Re: Stormwater – Potential Illicit Discharge
Trumbauersville Borough, Bucks County

Dear Ms. McClanahan:

On April 21, 2025, DEP received a complaint from a Trumbauersville Borough resident regarding a sheen they observed in a drainage ditch that runs along their property on N. Main Street. On May 6, 2025, DEP received an e-mail from the Borough's engineering consultant stating that the liquid in the ditch had been sampled. The sample results indicated trace amounts of volatile and semi-volatile constituents, PFOS at a concentration of 4.32 parts per trillion (ppt), and PFOA at 3.51 ppt. DEP advised your consultant to report its findings in the upcoming MS4 annual report and we requested that the Borough continue its investigation of this possible illicit discharge in order to determine its source.

The Main Street drainage ditch is part of the Borough's separate storm sewer system and is regulated under your MS4 permit; your MS4 permit defines municipal separate storm sewer as a conveyance or system of conveyances that includes roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, and/or storm drains.

The MS4 permit further defines an illicit discharge as any discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except non-stormwater discharges as described in the "Discharges Authorized by this Permit" section of the permit. The MS4 permit requires a permittee to develop, implement and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges into the permittee's regulated small MS4. This program must include procedures for identifying the source of an illicit discharge when a contaminated flow is detected at a regulated small MS4 outfall and procedures for eliminating the illicit discharge.

To date, we have not received documentation of any additional testing or investigation of this matter performed by the Borough. DEP requests that the Borough provide the following

information in response to this letter on or before August 29, 2025:

- Please describe the steps the Borough has taken or will take to investigate whether the sheen was caused by an illicit discharge to your municipal separate storm sewer system. If this investigation has not yet occurred, then please provide a target date by which the Borough will complete this step.
- If the sheen was caused by stormwater runoff, please list the steps the Borough has taken or will take to trace the contamination to its source and work with the responsible party to cease the illicit discharge.

This letter is neither an order nor any other final action of DEP. It neither imposes nor waives any enforcement action available to DEP under any of its statutes. If DEP determines that an enforcement action is appropriate, you will be notified of the action.

If you have any questions, please call me at 484.250.5190, or you may reach me via e-mail at emahoney@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mahoney

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Environmental Group Manager
Clean Water Program

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