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## **MONTHLY NEWS LETTER**

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### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

By: Robert J. Berner

Progress for the month of June on the Eaton and Carlisle project has been very positive. The crews have completed close to 80% of the collection system. In June the focus shifted from pipe installation to site restoration. Many of the collection pipe areas have been restored. Although not every street has been fully restored the construction manager has been diligent in working with our contractors to address the concerns of residents and property owners.

In July the construction inspectors will be visiting many of our future customers to seek right of entry permission to install residential grinder pumps. The right of entry documents only applies to properties which will require grinder pumps. Cooperation with this process will help us to complete the project in a timely manner.

June had been a challenging month for LORCO politically. We thought we were close to a settlement with the City of Elyria on their challenge to our Permit to Install. The settlement talks took place over a three day period and all parties involved were confident after leaving the meetings an equitable agreement was reached. The agreement was adopted by LORCO's board along with the Avon Lake Municipal Utilities Board and the Avon Lake City Council. It was however rejected by the Elyria City Council. So, a settlement has been averted. It was my hope to work together as a regional partner with Elyria to provide services to areas in our communities which are both LORCO members and within the Elyria facility planning area. I hope in the future this may still be achieved.

I feel it is important to address one of the major reasons LORCO was established. LORCO's mission statement addresses the need to provide central wastewater collection and treatment to unsewered areas of Lorain County. The need to do this is important to the environment not just because it is the proper

stewardship of the land but also because the law encourages such projects. In 1948 the federal government passed the first legislation aimed at achieving clean water. This legislation was updated in: 1956, 1961, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1972, 1977, 1981 and 1987. The 1972 legislation established what we know today as the Clean Water Act. "The 1972 legislation declared as its objective the restoration and maintenance of the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters. Two goals also were established: zero discharge of pollutants by 1985 and, as an interim goal and where possible, water quality that is both "fishable" and "swimmable" by mid-1983. While those dates have passed, the goals remain, and efforts to attain them continue" (Clean Water Act). This statement concerning Federal Law summarizes the responsibility LORCO has to our member communities to assist them in compliance with Federal and State Law.

LORCO and I have come under tremendous scrutiny over the last few weeks because of our steadfast goal of fulfilling the mission our member communities expect. I want to assure everyone clean water and affordable and economical sewers are our goal and will remain our mission. We will continue to work hard to fulfill these objectives.

If you have questions about the current status of the project, please call 440-647-4882. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER:**

By: James McConnell

The LORCO Board is happy to see the progress of the sewer project in Eaton and Carlisle Townships. The August board meeting will consist of a brief meeting followed by a bus tour of the system. Seeing the progress first hand is important to the LORCO board.

I also want to personally wish all our member communities a Happy Independence Day and thank our nation for our freedom.

