Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District

Notice Requirements for Sewage Disposal or Storm Water System Event

Public Act 170 of 1964, as amended by Public Act 222 of 2001, provides that under certain circumstances, government agencies that own or operate sewage disposal or storm water systems may be held liable for the overflow or backup of the system. The Act requires that if you are seeking compensation for personal injury or property damage, you must show that the government agency was an appropriate government agency; the sewage disposal or storm water system had a defect; the government agency knew, or reasonably should have known, about the defect; that the defect was not remedied by the government agency in a reasonable time; that the property damage or personal injury resulted because of the defect; and reasonable proof of ownership and the value of any damaged personal property.

You are also required to comply with the notice requirements of the Act. Any claim you make must be made in writing within 45 days after the date the damage or physical injury was discovered, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have been discovered. The written notice must contain your name, address, telephone number, the address of the affected property, the date of discovery of any property damages or physical injuries, and a brief description of the claim. Any claim must be submitted to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the contacting agency and individual designated to receive notice on behalf of the Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District:

Bruce J. Smith

City Administrator of Grosse Pointe Woods

20025 Mack Plaza Drive

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

While the Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District owns and operates the Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage System, it does not own or operate any local collection systems. Thus, your local service provider should be notified of your claim directly. If you do not know your direct service provider, please contact your municipality.