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Dear Inspector General Meyer:

This letter is in response to the recommendations made by your office to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) in File ID NO: 2013-CA00059.

**Recommendation #1:** Review the state surplus rules and regulations with all park managers. A similar recommendation was made as part of a previous investigation (Case file #2011-231) released on April 11, 2013.

**Action:** The state surplus rules and regulations, ODNR *Parks Inventory Procedures* policy along with the ODNR *Inventory Policy* were reviewed with all park managers at their annual meeting in July 2013.

Park Manager Korre Boyer along with two (2) other Parks administrative employees attended an *Asset Management/State & Federal Surplus User Group Seminar* on May 1, 2014. The seminar was conducted by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. The focus of a portion of the training was, "...the State & Federal Surplus program, how to Turn-in property, purchase property, and a host of other topics." Boyer is fully versed on proper methods for disposal of surplus state property.

**Recommendation #2:** Follow all the recommendations of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) addressed to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources dated December 20, 2013, "...highly encouraging you to install barriers to physically prevent use of the water from the spring ...".

**Action:** Park officials worked closely with the EPA to ensure the spring was clearly marked as not for human consumption. Although not a public water system nor regulated by the EPA, the ODNR has met the recommendations discussed with the EPA representative. Signage is posted indicating the water from the spring is not for human consumption.

Sincerely,

  
James Zehringer  
Director

Cc: ODNR investigation case file