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March 31, 2009

Re: Jackson County
General Mills, Inc.
Compliance Evaluation Inspection
Correspondence (IWW)

Mr. John Komor, Plant Manager
General Mills, Inc. - Wellston Plant
2403 Pennsylvania Avenue
Wellston, Ohio 45692

Dear Mr. Komor:

On October 14, 2008, I conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) at the General Mills (GM) Wellston wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Darin Davis and Charles Camp represented GM during the plant inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the facility's compliance status with the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit, federal number OH0094951, state number 01H00046*BD and the 2004 Director's final Findings and Orders (DFFOs). Wastewater samples were not taken. A copy of the inspection report form is attached.

Based on the inspection and file review, the facility was found to be in compliance with the permit on the day of the inspection.

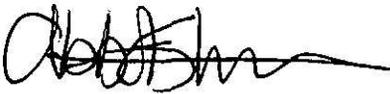
As a result of the inspection and file review, I have the following comments:

1. There have been no violations of the effluent limitations since the last inspection in December 2005.
2. GM has completed all of the orders required by the 2004 DFFOs.
3. GM has a large population of midge-like flies in the dome of the clarifiers. If you choose to use a pesticide or any chemicals to attempt to control them care must be taken to choose chemicals that will not cause pass through problems to your effluent. OEPA can provide guidance or review of the MSDS sheet for the chemicals if requested.
4. The NPDES permit is in the process of being renewed. The permit will include a phosphorus limit with a 3 year compliance schedule to meet the limit. This change is a result of a stream study performed in 2007 which showed nutrient enrichment in Meadow Run below the General Mills outfall.

5. The proposed NPDES permit will not require a change in the operator certification status.
6. The NPDES permit will be issued draft and a copy will be sent to General Mills for comment. Please read the draft carefully and provide comments within 30 days of receipt.
7. There has been no significant change in the groundwater quality since the last inspection.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5284 at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Ms. Abbot Stevenson
Environmental Engineer
Permits and Enforcement Section
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

c: Darin Davis, General Mills

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
01H00046*BD	OH0059056	October 14, 2008	C	S	2

B. FACILITY DATA

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
General Mills, Inc. 2403 S. Pennsylvania Avenue Wellston, Ohio	12:00 p.m.	January 2, 2003
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	2:00 p.m.	December 31, 2007

Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Darin Davis, Environmental Manager	(740) 286-9334 (Darin office)
Charles Camp, Water and Wastewater Team Leader	(740) 418-5222 (Darin cell)
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
John Komor, Plant Manager	(740) 286-2170

C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

<u>S</u> Permit	<u>S</u> Flow Measurement	<u>NA</u> Pretreatment
<u>S</u> Records/Reports	<u>S</u> Laboratory	<u>NA</u> Compliance Schedules
<u>S</u> Operations & Maintenance	<u>S</u> Effluent/Receiving Waters	<u>S</u> Self-Monitoring Program
<u>S</u> Facility Site Review	<u>S</u> Sludge Storage/Disposal	<u>NA</u> Other
<u>S</u> Collection System		

(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS/COMMENTS (attach additional sheets if necessary)


 Abbot Stevenson, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

3/30/09
 Date


 Timothy M. Campbell, Reviewer, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

3/30/09
 Date