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Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
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August 5, 2010

Re: Washington County
City of Marietta
Wastewater Treatment Plant Inspection
Correspondence (PWW)

Mayor and Council
City of Marietta
301 Putnam Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Mayor and Council:

On August 4, 2010, an inspection was conducted at the City of Marietta's wastewater treatment plant. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the City's compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. Present for the inspection were Ric Groves, representing the City of Marietta and Scott Foster and Stephen Wells representing the Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Southeast District Office. No wastewater samples were collected as part of the inspection. A copy of my inspection report is attached.

As a result of my inspection, I have the following comments:

1. The anaerobic digesters at the facility are not in operation due to a pipe failure in the basement of the building. Currently, the plant is meeting its NPDES Permit limits with the reduced sludge processing capabilities by land filling of the sludge. However, the City needs to continue with its plans as soon as possible to repair and/or upgrade its sludge treatment capabilities to help prevent potential NPDES Permit effluent violations due to inability to properly process sludge. Please inform this office on the status of the sludge upgrades.
2. The City is currently working on an upgrade of the entire wastewater treatment plant. The Permit to Install (PTI) Application for Phase I, Parts A and B is currently being reviewed by Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA). The City needs to be moving forward with plans to start construction on at least Phase I, Part A to allow for better wastewater treatment. With the problems noted above with the digesters and the plant being over its design on total suspended solids, Phase I, Part A should help with maintaining

compliance with the NPDES Permit to allow for better solids settling. If the City cannot maintain compliance with its NPDES Permit, the Ohio EPA may have to proceed with enforcement action for NPDES Permit violations.

3. The final clarifier weirs and UV basin both had a heavy build-up of growth and solids. Both of these need to be cleaned. Please inform this office when the final clarifiers and UV basin have been cleaned.

The Ohio EPA strongly encourages pollution prevention as the preferred approach for waste management. The first priority of pollution prevention is to eliminate the generation of wastes and pollutants at the source (source reduction). For those wastes or pollutants that are generated, the second priority is to recycle or reuse them in an environmentally sound manner. You can benefit economically, help preserve the environment, and improve your public image by implementing pollution prevention programs. For more information about pollution prevention, including fact sheets or U.S. EPA's "Facility Pollution Prevention Guide" (EPA/600/R-92.008), please contact the Ohio EPA Pollution Prevention Section at (614) 644-3469.

In conclusion, the City of Marietta appeared to be in compliance with its NPDES Permit at the time of the inspection.

Please respond in writing to the above comments to this office within 15 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at (740) 380-5434.

Sincerely,



Stephen Wells
District Representative
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

c: Steve Elliott, City of Marietta

**NPDES
Compliance Inspection Report**

A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
OPD00016*QD	OH0026344	August 4, 2010	C	S	1

B. FACILITY DATA

Name & Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
City of Marietta Wastewater Treatment Plant 440 East 8 th Street Marietta, Ohio 45750	12:45 p.m.	July 1, 2009
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	1:45 p.m.	October 31, 2013

Name(s) & Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Steve Elliott, Wastewater Superintendent	(740) 373-3858
Name, Address, & Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Mayor and Council City of Marietta 301 Putnam Street Marietta, Ohio 45750	(740) 373-1387

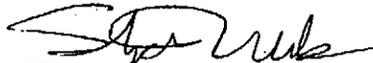
C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

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

(S = Satisfactory; M = Marginal; U = Unsatisfactory; N = Not Evaluated; N/A = Not Applicable)

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

See attached letter.



 Stephen Wells, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

8/5/10

 Date



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

8/5/10

 Date