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Re: Athens County
Village of Albany
Compliance Inspection
Correspondence (PWW)

Mayor and Council
Village of Albany
5084 West Clinton Street
Albany, Ohio 45710

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter serves to clarify statements made in my inspection letter dated March 12, 2007 regarding solids loss from the clarifiers and the blower system.

Item 1 from March 12, 2007 letter:

As stated in the previous letter, the loss of solids from the clarifiers to the sand filters has resulted in plant maintenance issues and violations of the NPDES Permit in the form of an illegal bypass. As such, the Village of Albany is responsible for investigating to determine if the cause of the problem is an operational and/or design issue. I recommend the Village of Albany and WWTP operator meet with the WWTP design engineer and manufacturer to discuss the issues you are experiencing with the clarifiers and possible operational adjustments or plant modifications to remedy the problem. Please inform this office of the outcome of the investigation and the Village's plan to correct the problem and prevent the issues from reoccurring.

Item 3 from March 12, 2007 letter:

The existing blower system for the Albany WWTP does not include a way to control the amount of air being applied to the aeration basin beyond manually turning one of the blowers off and on. The operator stated that he was having trouble getting the appropriate amount of air to the aeration basins with the current setup, resulting in over or under aerated sludge. I recommend the Village of Albany invest in a system to better allow the operator of the WWTP to control the amount of air being applied to aeration basins.

Please respond to the two comments above, in writing, within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this letter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (740) 380-5226.

Sincerely,



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