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June 2, 2010

**Re: Athens County
City of Athens
Reconnaissance Inspection
NPDES Permit OPD00000*HD
Correspondence (PWW)**

Mayor Paul Wehl and Council
City of Athens
8 East Washington Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Mayor and Council:

On May 14, 2010, I conducted a reconnaissance inspection at the City of Athens Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Jeff Arnold, Superintendent, represented the city during the inspection.

At the time of my inspection, the facility appeared to be in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit OPD00000*HD. Enclosed is a copy of my inspection report.

I have the following comments:

1. There were no odors at the plant at the time of the inspection.
2. There have been no effluent violations since the last inspection on October 21, 2008.
3. The weirs on the secondary clarifiers have all been replaced.
4. The scum troughs have not been repaired/replaced.
5. This WWTP receives an inordinate amount of rags/plastics. The city should look at upgrading the headworks of the plant for better, more automatic removal of this material.
6. The city may want to consider installing a septage receiving station for local septic haulers for septage disposal. This would be a valuable community service because currently haulers travel to Chillicothe and Lancaster for disposal. Having a local disposal location would keep costs down for county residents.

Also, Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) offers special financing on septic stations. Also, Dr. Geraldine Botte may be able to use her technology for septage pretreatment.

7. After the inspection, I met with Any Stone and Jessica Adine to discuss the city's planned upgrade to the WWTP. Please keep Ohio EPA informed of your progress.

No response to this report is required at this time. If you have any further questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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

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Enclosure

- c: Andy Stone, Engineer & Director of Public Works; City of Athens
- c: Jeff Arnold, City of Athens WWTP

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
OPD00000*HD		May 14, 2010	R	S	1

B. FACILITY DATA

Name & Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Athens Wastewater Treatment Plant 557 E. State Street Athens, Ohio 45701	9:00 a.m.	January 1, 2008
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	10:45 a.m.	July 31, 2012

Name(s) & Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Jeff Arnold, WWTP Supt.	(740) 592-3346
Name, Address, & Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Mayor Paul Wehl and City Council Members 8 East Washington Street Athens, Ohio 45701	

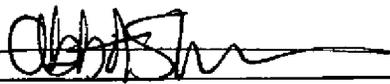
C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> N Flow Measurement	<input type="checkbox"/> N Pretreatment
<input type="checkbox"/> N Records/Reports	<input type="checkbox"/> N Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/> N Compliance Schedules
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S Operations & Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S Effluent/Receiving Waters	<input type="checkbox"/> N Self-Monitoring Program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S Facility Site Review	<input type="checkbox"/> N Sludge Storage/Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> N 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.


 Abbot Stevenson, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

6/2/10
 Date


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

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