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March 19, 2009

**Re:** Athens County  
Village of Amesville WWTS  
Ohio EPA Permit No. OPA00101\*AD  
Compliance Evaluation Inspection  
Correspondence (PWW)

Mayor Frank Hare and Village Council  
Village of Amesville  
P.O. Box 190  
Amesville, Ohio 45711

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

On February 17, 2009, I conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) of the Amesville Wastewater Treatment System (WWTS). Pejmaan Fallah, Dennis DeNiro, and Mark Stedfeld of OEPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) and Dan Kopec of OEPA's Division of Surface Water accompanied me on the inspection. You, Mary Ann Westendorf, plant operator, and John O'Donnell, backup operator, represented the village. Larry Payne, Athens County Commissioner, also attended the meeting and inspection.

The purpose of the inspection was two fold. First, DEFA personnel were in attendance to assess the positive and negative aspects of this pioneer project, so as to help in reviewing future similar projects, and to see what, if any, changes can still be made while DEFA is still involved in the project.

Second, my purpose was to learn about this project and to assess your compliance status with the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit, federal number OH0135208, state number OPA00101\*AD. Wastewater samples were not collected. A copy of the inspection report form is attached. Based on the inspection, a review of the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) data and the permit, the facility appeared to be in compliance on the day of the inspection.

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

1. The NPDES permit requires the wastewater treatment system to be operated by a class A wastewater operator. The current plant operator, Mary Ann Westendorf, is working on obtaining a class A license. She is scheduled to take the exam on March 31, 2009. In the meantime, Oscar Carson, a class 3 wastewater operator from The Plains WWTP, is the operator of record. Please provide a phone number where Oscar can be reached. Also, provide an estimate of when Mary Ann will become certified.

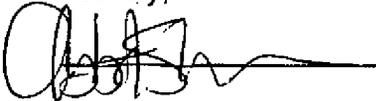
2. A review of the DMRs from April through December 2008 indicates compliance with the NPDES permit limits at all three outfalls. However, it does appear that there is confusion about the quarterly alternating sampling schedule. The outfalls must be sampled and reported in accordance with the months assigned in the NPDES permit. Failure to follow the schedule will result in frequency violations.
3. The village personnel voiced several concerns about the installation of the system that they are working with the contractor to correct.
  - a. the air handling vent pipes on the pods are not properly supported;
  - b. there is a broken elbow on one of the pumps at District #2 that needs to be repaired;
  - c. there is steady flow entering the pump station at the park, which is suspected to be clean water; and
  - d. there is sewer gas in the pump stations.

We agree that these issues should be resolved.

4. It is important that the village develop an O&M manual, particularly in the event the operator leaves.

Please respond, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of this report, to Items 1 through 4 listed above. 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: Mary Ann Westendorf, Plant Operator (w/enclosure)  
c: Pejmaan Fallah, Mark Stedfeld, Dennis DeNiro, DEFA (w/enclosure)  
c: Dan Kopec, DSW, CO (w/enclosure)

**NPDES**  
Compliance Inspection Report

**A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING**

| Permit No.  | NPDES No. | Date              | Inspection Type | Inspector | Facility Type |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| OPA00101*AD | OH0135208 | February 17, 2009 | C               | S         | 1             |

**B. FACILITY DATA**

| Name and Location of Facility Inspected           | Entry Time | Permit Effective Date  |
|---|------------|------------------------|
| Amesville WWTP<br>Maple Avenue<br>Amesville, Ohio | 10:20 a.m. | March 1, 2007          |
|   | Exit Time  | Permit Expiration Date |
|   | 2:30 p.m.  | February 29, 2012      |

| Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)                                 | Phone Number(s) |
|---|-----------------|
| Mary Ann Westendorf, Operator   | (740) 448-4041  |
| John O'Donnell, Backup Operator   | (740) 448-1602  |
| Frank Hare, Mayor   |                 |
| Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official                                   | Phone Number    |
| Mayor Frank Hare<br>Village of Amesville<br>P.O. Box 190<br>Amesville, Ohio 45711 | (740) 448-4041  |

**C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION**

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

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

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

Laboratory - Samples are sent to MASI.

  
Abbot Stevenson, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

3/19/09  
Date

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

3/19/09  
Date