

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

April 15, 2011

Re: Meigs County
Yellowbush Mine
Reconnaissance Inspection
NPDES Permit 0IL00145*AD
Correspondence (IWW)

Mr. Adam Leachman, Engineer
Gatling Ohio, LLC
P.O. Box 960
New Haven, WV 25265

Dear Mr. Leachman:

On March 9, 2011, Michael Carper, from Division of Air Pollution Control and I met with you to conduct a compliance inspection at the Gatling, Ohio, LLC, Yellowbush Mine and Preparation Plant Facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number 0IL00145*AD. Results of the inspection are summarized below.

At the time of the inspection, the area had received a large amount of rainfall. Pond 001 and Pond 005 were underwater. These ponds were the sediment and topsoil storage runoff ponds. Ponds 005A, 008, and the 007 series discharges were slightly turbid. No discharge was noted at 002 or 006. The water in Pond 002 is being recycled into the prep plant. It has soda ash treatment with aeration to settle out solids. Please note that any treatment at the ponds must be included in the Permit to Install for Yellowbush that was submitted in May 2010. The outfalls at ponds 003 and 004 were inaccessible because of the flooding in Yellowbush Creek. Effluent in the creek was reddish; however, upon further investigation upstream of the mine the creek was the same color. Please note if the storm event has exceeded the 1-year, 24-hour precipitation event, please see Part II, F of your permit for alternate monitoring requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5266.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Yandrich
District Representative
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

NPDES
Compliance Inspection Report

A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

| Permit No. | NPDES No. | Date | Inspection Type | Inspector | Facility Type |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| OIL00145*AD | OH0135313 | April 1, 2011 | R | S | 2 |

B. FACILITY DATA

| Name and Location of Facility Inspected | Entry Time | Permit Effective Date |
|---|------------|------------------------|
| Yellowbush Mine Gatling Ohio, LLC P.O. Box 960 New Haven, WV 25265 | 9:45 a.m. | January 1, 2009 |
| | Exit Time | Permit Expiration Date |
| | 11:30 a.m. | December 31, 2013 |

| Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s) | Phone Number(s) |
|--|-----------------|
| Adam Leachman Engineer | (304) 593-2839 |
| Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official | Phone Number |
| Sam Hatcher, Engineer Gatling Ohio, LLC 430 Harper Park Drive Beckley, WV 25801 | (304) 882-1300 |

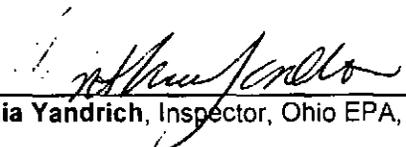
C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>S</u> Permit | <u>S</u> Flow Measurement | <u>N/A</u> Pretreatment |
| <u>S</u> Records/Reports | <u>N/A</u> Laboratory | <u>S</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>N/A</u> Sludge Storage/Disposal | <u> </u> Other |
| <u>N/A</u> Collection System | | |

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

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

The site has multiple outflows, please see letter for details.


Cynthia Yandrich, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

4-15-11
Date


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

4/18/11
Date