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November 23, 2007

Re: Ross County
Paint Valley School
Compliance Inspection
Correspondence (PWW)

Mr. Gary Uhrig, Superintendent
Paint Valley School
7454 State Route 50
Bainbridge, Ohio 45612

Dear Mr. Uhrig:

On November 8, 2007, I conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection of the Paint Valley School's wastewater treatment facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the facility's compliance status with the terms and conditions of NPDES Permit Number OPT00054*BD and if the prior noted deficiencies have been corrected.

As a result of my inspection, the following observations were made.

1. At the time of my inspection, the general site conditions have not improved as several pieces of pipes, pumps, and miscellaneous items were scattered throughout the site. The grass and weeds were very high and it was very obvious that very little time is spent at the facility conducting operational inspections and performing necessary maintenance. Many of the items observed were the same things which were seen over a year ago and still have not been cleaned up.
2. Inspection of the sand filter in use was found to be within inches of overtopping and actually discharging to the ground in a leak at the end of the dividing wall. Part III, Section 3 of your permit states that the permittee shall maintain in good working order all components of your treatment plant. The severe ponding of wastewater onto the filter bed and discharging onto the ground is a direct violation of this permit condition and is also an unauthorized discharge. These violations could constitute a fine of ten thousand dollars per day that these violations continue and all efforts should be made to properly operate and maintain the facility to achieve compliance with your permit. The bed not in use was also ponded with several inches of water and full of heavy vegetation and solids which need removed although wastewater flows should be diverted to prevent overtopping in the other bed.

Following my inspection, I met with you to discuss the concerns at the wastewater treatment plant and the need to immediately divert flow to the other filter bed. The general condition of the facility is unacceptable and a higher priority should be placed on the proper maintenance of the plant to insure compliance with your permit. Monitoring conditions of your permit require daily site visits to record the flow rate, color, odor, and turbidity of the discharge. These items should be recorded by a selected representative and presented on your monthly discharge monitoring report.

A condition of the new operator certification rules also require a daily logbook to be kept on-site to record the daily operational and maintenance activities conducted at the facility. Please provide a numbered bound composition book to be kept on-site to be used by all those responsible for the operation of the plant. The operational checklist provided by your technical supervisor should also be followed and completed to help with the proper operation of the wastewater treatment plant. The logbook should be readily accessible at the site for future inspections.

At the time of my inspection, the effluent was relatively clear with little odor although the treatment plant was found to be in non-compliance with your permit. Please provide a written response within **30** days to the above concerns describing how the proper operation and maintenance will be conducted by either a district employee or a contract operator. Enclosed is a copy of my detailed inspection report. If you have any questions please call me at (740) 380-5416.

Sincerely,



Jake Greuey
District Representative
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

c: Wayne Grigsby, Technical Supervisor

**NPDES
Compliance Inspection Report**

A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
OPT00054*BD	OH0127752	November 8, 2007	C	S	1

B. FACILITY DATA

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Paint Valley Schools WWTP 7454 State Route 50 Bainbridge, Ohio 45612	1:15 p.m.	February 1, 2007
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	1:30 p.m.	January 31, 2012

Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Mr. Gary Uhrig, Superintendent Paint Valley School 7454 State Route 50 Bainbridge, Ohio 45612	

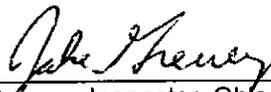
C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

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

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

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

See attached letter.



 Jake Greuey, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

11/26/07

 Date



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

11/26/07

 Date