Ohio | Environmental Protection Agency

Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lt. Governor
Chris Korleski, Director

Re: Putnam County
IAMS Company
Pretreatment

December 30, 2010

Mr. Mike George
Health Safety and Environmental Program Leader
Iams Pet Food Manufacturing
P. O. Box 87
3700 State Route 65
Leipsic, Ohio 45856-0087

Dear Mr. George:

On December 9, 2010, an inspection was conducted of the pretreatment system serving IAMS Company in Leipsic. Brian McGlown and I represented the Ohio EPA. You were present and provided operation and maintenance information regarding industrial wastewater pretreatment discharges to the Village of Leipsic sanitary sewer system. Tony Schroeder and Russ Teders from the Village of Leipsic WWTP were also present for the inspection. Our inspection included a discussion of the operations and a tour of the facility.

It was observed that the new pretreatment system has been installed and is in operation. The system consists of a 3,000 gallon pH adjustment tank, dissolved air floatation system, 6,000 gallon oil/grease holding tank and two 50,000 gallon storage tanks. During the inspection, it was discussed that the effluent sampling point would be at the discharge from the storage tanks prior to combining with the facility's sanitary sewer.

A review of the discharge monitoring reports for February 2009, to December 2010, shows that there have been numerous effluent limit violations for pH. The specific instances of non-compliance are attached on separate sheets.

A copy of our completed inspection report is enclosed for your records. If you have any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3053.

Sincerely,

Ryan Gierhart
Division of Surface Water

/llr

Enclosure

pc w/encl.: Kevin Lammon , Village of Leipsic
Ryan Laake, DSW, CO
DSW-NWDO File

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Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2DP00057*AP		001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.6	2/23/2009
2DP00057*AP		001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.6	4/9/2009
2DP00057*AP		001	00400	pH	1D Conc	6.0	5.4	5/27/2009
2DP00057*BP		001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.62	1/1/2010
2DP00057*BP		001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.11	1/2/2010
2DP00057*BP		001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	4.89	1/3/2010
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2DP00057*BP		001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.96	1/14/2010
2DP00057*BP		001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.99	1/15/2010
2DP00057*BP		001	00401	pH, Maximum	1D Conc	9.5	11.91	1/16/2010
2DP00057*BP		001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.83	1/16/2010
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2DP00057*BP		001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.08	1/21/2010
2DP00057*BP		001	00401	pH, Maximum	1D Conc	9.5	11.16	1/22/2010
2DP00057*BP		001	00401	pH, Maximum	1D Conc	9.5	10.76	1/23/2010
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2DP00057*BP	001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.81	6/14/2010
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2DP00057*BP	001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.55	6/25/2010
2DP00057*BP	001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.47	6/26/2010
2DP00057*BP	001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.3	6/27/2010
2DP00057*BP	001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.34	6/28/2010
2DP00057*BP	001	00402	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.0	5.49	6/29/2010

INDUSTRIAL USER INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Facility: The Iams Company
OH Number: OHP000190
Facility Representative:
Mike George

Date of inspection: 12/9/2010
IDP Number: 2DP00057*AP
Inspector(s): Ryan Gierhart, Brian McGlown

COMPLIANCE

1. Date of last pretreatment inspection: 2/9/09

2. Has the facility been in compliance with its permit limits since the last inspection? N
   If no, explain: Numerous pH violations.

3. Is the facility in compliance with all other requirements? Y
   Sampling procedures Y
   Reporting (late reporting, failure to report, etc) Y
   Compliance schedules NA
   Submitted BMR and 90 day compliance reports Y
   Any other requirements NA

   If any of the above five answers is no, explain:

4. Was the facility required to perform any actions as a result of the last inspection? N
   Explain any unresolved actions:

FACILITY OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

5. Number of Employees: 170

6. Shifts/Day: 2/7

7. Production Days/Year: 345

8. Hours/shift: 12.5 Hour shifts

9. Any production changes since the last inspection? Y
   If yes, explain: Construction is currently taking place to add additional storage for the milling operation and raw food storage.

10. General facility description and operations: Manufacture Pet Food

11. Any change in materials used in production since the last inspection? Y
    If yes, explain: Some dry ingredients have changes, such as oats and flour

12. Any expansion or production increase expected within the next year? N
    If yes, explain:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

13. Provide a schematic diagram and description of the wastewater treatment system:

14. Was a PTI issued for the treatment system? Y

15. Were there any modifications to the treatment system since the previous inspection? Y

    If yes, was a PTI obtained? Y

    PTI Number: 735643 Date: 2/3/2010

16. What is the treatment mode of operation? Continuous
    If batch, list the frequency and duration:

17. Who is responsible for operating the treatment system?
    P& G utilities and Facilities Dept.

18. How often is the treatment system checked?
    The system is checked daily. An operation checklist is being developed for the system.

19. Is there an alarm system for the system? Y
    Explain: Audio alarm to the main building.

20. Is there an operations and maintenance manual? N
    Facility is working on developing a manual

21. Is an inventory of critical spare parts maintained? Y
    If yes, list: Spare pumps kept onsite.

22. Are there any bypasses in the system? N
    If yes, describe the location:

    Have bypasses occurred since the last inspection? N

    Was the POTW notified? N/A

WASTEWATER TREATMENT CONTINUED

23. Are residuals or sludges generated? Y

Method of disposal: The grease which is collected in the oil/grease holding tank is hauled to the Village of Leipsic weekly by Roberts Sewer Service.

Frequency and amount of disposal: Weekly ~2000 gallons

Name of hauler/landfill/disposal facility: Roberts Sewer Service

Is any sludge generated subject to RCRA regulations? N

If land applying sludge, is there a sludge management plan? N

PROCESS AND WASTEWATER INFORMATION

24. List all processes generating wastewater, current wastewater flows, and where applicable, production rates as well as values on which the permit limits are based:

REGULATED PROCESS	SAMPLE LOCATION	WASTEWATER FLOW (GPD)		PRODUCTION DATA (SPECIFY UNITS)	
		Permit	Current	Permit	Current
1. Process Wastewater	Pump Station	59,720			
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
Total Regulated Process Flow		59,720			
Non-contact Cooling					
Blowdown					
Reverse Osmosis Condenstate					
Demineralizer Regeneration					
Filter Backwash					
Compressor Condensate					
Storm Water					
Other Dilute Flows					
Unregulated Flows (provide list)					
Sanitary					
TOTAL FLOW					

25. For the above flows not discharged to the POTW, list point of discharge and permit (if any).

SELF MONITORING

26. Sample location(s) described in the facility's permit: Auto sampler is currently out of service samples being taken from pump station at this time. Sampling point is going to be moved to collect the sample from the pretreatment systems final discharge tank prior to sanitary sewer connection.

27. Is the facility sampling at the location(s) described in the permit? Y
If no, describe the actual location:

28. Is the location(s) where the facility is sampling representative? Y
If no, indicate a representative location:

29. Is the flow measured or estimated? Measured

If measured, how often is the meter calibrated? The meter has not been calibrated yet. Plant has been in operation for 6 months.

If estimated, describe method of estimation:

30. Is pH monitored continuously? Y
If yes, how often is the meter calibrated? Facility was unaware if meter has been calibrated yet.

31. Does the facility collect its own samples? N
If no, specify the sample collector:

32. Are appropriate sampling procedures followed?

Monitoring frequencies	Y
Sample collection (grab for pH, O&G, CN, phenols, VOCs, hexavalent chromium)	Y
Flow proportioned samples	Y
Proper preservation techniques	Y
Sample holding times	Y
Chain-of-custody forms	Y

33. Are samples analyzed in accordance with 40 CFR 136? Y

34. Laboratory conducting analyses: IFM

TOXICS MANAGEMENT

35. Are any listed toxic organics used in the facility? N
If yes, identify organics:

36. Does the facility have a current toxic organic management plan(TOMP)? N
If yes, is it being implemented? N

37. Has the facility had any uncontrolled releases or spills to the POTW since the previous inspection? If yes, please explain: N

38. Does the facility need a spill prevention plan or slug discharge control plan? N
If yes, does the facility have a written plan? N

39. Identify any potential slug load or spill areas: The pretreatment tanks have secondary containment.

REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS