



Environmental
Protection Agency

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

Re: Notice of Violation
Putnam County
Ottawa WWTP
CEI Inspection

March 18, 2011

Mr. Jack Williams
Municipal Director
Village of Ottawa
136 North Oak Street
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Dear Mr. Williams:

On March 3, 2011 I conducted an inspection at the Village of Ottawa Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Mr. Doug Schroeder, WWTP Superintendent, was present and provided information on operations and maintenance at the plant.

At the time of inspection, all required treatment processes and associated equipment were in operation and the discharge to the Blanchard River was clear, colorless, and had no noticeable odor. A heavy amount of rainfall has caused high flows to enter the plant. Part of the influent flow was diverted to the EQ basin and the basin was bypassing the treatment plant and discharging directly to the Blanchard River. The discharge from the EQ basin was turbid with no noticeable odor. It was noted that the proper sampling and reporting was being followed for the bypass.

A review of the discharge monitoring reports (DMR) for January 1, 2010, to January 1, 2011, shows that there have been several NPDES permit effluent limit violations. The specific instances of noncompliance are enclosed on a separate sheet. Further review of your self-monitoring reports for the previous six months, ending in January 2011, indicates that you are in significant non-compliance (SNC) with an effluent limitation contained in your NPDES permit. The specific instance of SNC is enclosed on a separate sheet. It is noted that letters in response to the violations have been submitted by Doug Schroeder. It is also noted that the Village is continuing to implement the Mercury variance pollutant minimization program (PMP) to try to eliminate/reduce mercury in the collection system.

If you have any questions please, contact me at (419)373-3053.

Sincerely,

Ryan Gierhart
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

pc/W encl.: Mr. Doug Schroeder, Plant Superintendent
DSW, NWDO File

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| Permit No | Reporting Period | Station | Reporting Code | Parameter | Limit Type | Limit | Reported Value | Violation Date |
|-------------|------------------|---------|----------------|------------------------|------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| 2PD00028*KD | January 2010 | 001 | 50092 | Mercury, Total (Low Le | 30D Conc | 7.1 | 10.2 | 1/1/2010 |
| 2PD00028*KD | February 2010 | 001 | 00665 | Phosphorus, Total (P) | 7D Conc | 1.5 | 1.77 | 2/22/2010 |
| 2PD00028*KD | June 2010 | 001 | 50092 | Mercury, Total (Low Le | 30D Conc | 7.1 | 24. | 6/1/2010 |
| 2PD00028*KD | June 2010 | 001 | 50092 | Mercury, Total (Low Le | 30D Qty | 0.0000 | .00011 | 6/1/2010 |
| 2PD00028*KD | September 2010 | 001 | 50092 | Mercury, Total (Low Le | 30D Conc | 7.1 | 48.2 | 9/1/2010 |
| 2PD00028*KD | September 2010 | 001 | 50092 | Mercury, Total (Low Le | 30D Qty | 0.0000 | .00008 | 9/1/2010 |
| 2PD00028*KD | October 2010 | 001 | 50092 | Mercury, Total (Low Le | 30D Conc | 7.1 | 11.8 | 10/1/2010 |

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Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance **

Period: Aug-10 Jan-11

| County | Permit # | Facility Name | Major | Station Code | Param Code | Parameter Name | Max % Exceed | # Months Signif Exceed (1)** | # Months Exceed (2)** |
|--------|----------|---------------|-------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Putnam | 2PD00028 | Ottawa WWTP | M | 1 | 50092 | Mercury, Total (Low Level) | 771.8 | 3 | 3 |