



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Sandusky County
US 6/23 Retail Sales, Inc.
Sewerage

January 4, 2011

Mr. Chad Thompson
U.S. 6/23 Retail Sales, Inc.
7582 U.S. Route 6
Gibsonburg, Ohio 43431

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On December 7, 2010, an inspection was made of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) serving the US 6/23 Retail Sales, Inc. The WWTP was in operation at the time of the inspection and the following observations were made:

1. The wastewater treatment plant was not operating and there was no aeration being provided at the time of the inspection.
2. At that time the surface of both the aeration and clarifier tanks appeared to be frozen with snow cover.
3. The rocks and rags observed on top of the tank grate cover, along with the solids (sludge from sand filters) located on the ground between the tanks, need to be appropriately disposed of (landfill). These should be disposed of immediately and not left on site.
4. Disinfection is to be provided from May through October.
5. A copy of our pictures taken at the time of the inspection, are enclosed.

A review of your monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) has also been conducted (April 2009 thru November 2010). Flow monitoring was not reported as required for the month of September 2010. Additionally, a pH limit violation was noted at pH 6.2 on 6/15/2010.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements specified in your NPDES permit or properly operate and maintain the plant may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111. If these violations continue to occur and if satisfactory progress is not made, it may be necessary to initiate enforcement action to achieve compliance.

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If there are any questions, please contact me at 419-373-3014.

Yours truly,

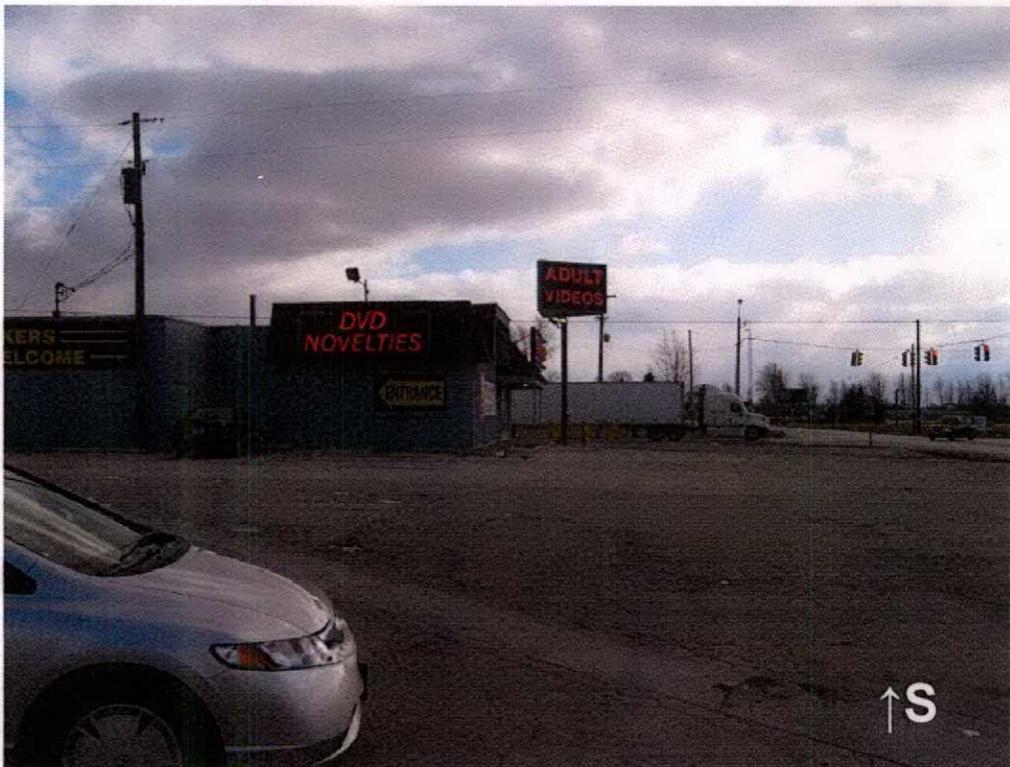


Mary Beth Cohen
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

pc: Sandusky County Health Department
Christina M. Douglas, Uni-Tech Environmental Services, Inc.



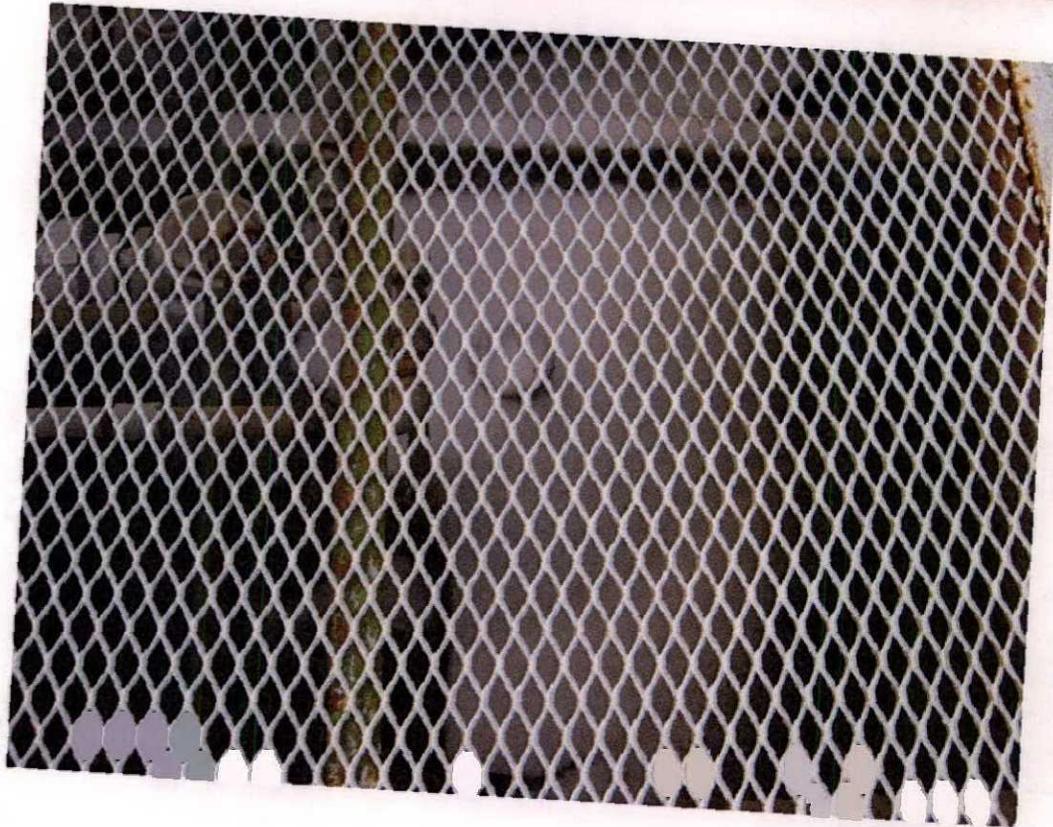
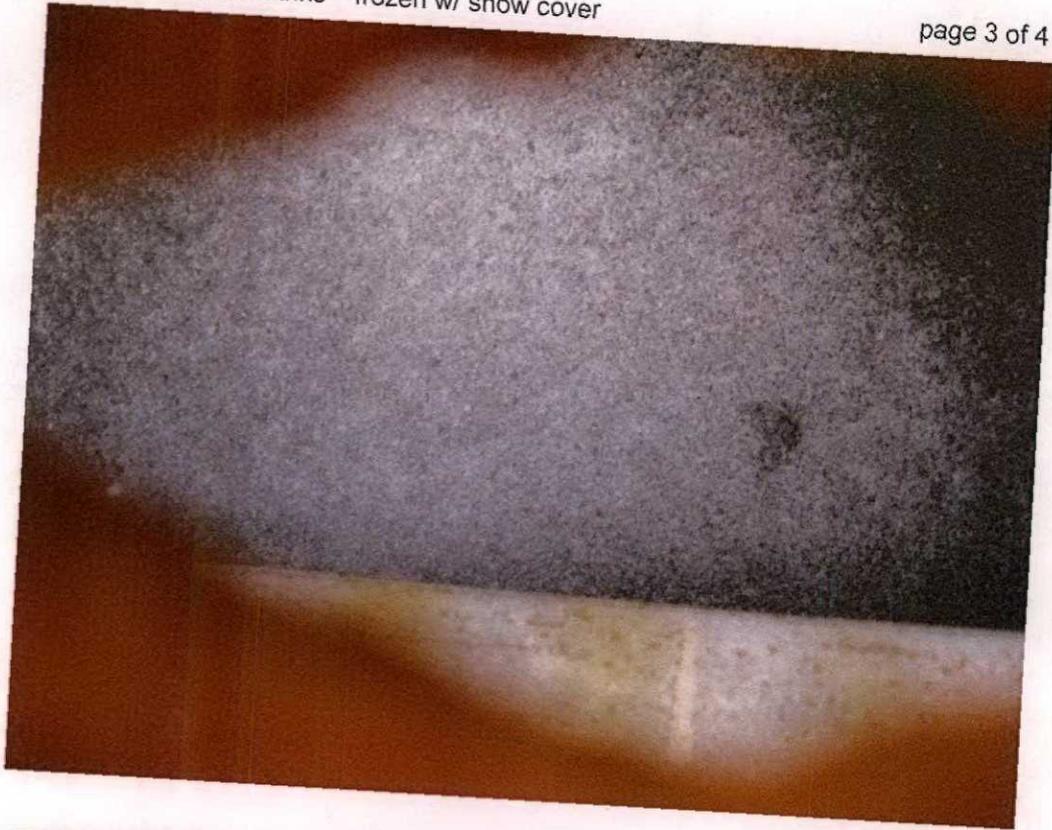
U.S. 6/23 Retail Sales, Inc., Sandusky County
pictures taken by M.B. Cohen, 12/07/2010
Tank grating cover w/ rags and stones on top

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U.S. 6/23 Retail Sales, Inc., Sandusky County
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Aeration / clarifier tanks – frozen w/ snow cover

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Dried sludge on ground / sand filter distribution box

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