

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

, Governor  
, Lt. Governor  
, Director

Re: Seneca County  
NWOCYC  
Sewerage

August 17, 2010

Mr. Richard A. Miller, Jr., P.E.  
765 Ronson Avenue  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Northwest Ohio Christian Youth Camp (NWOCYC) was issued an NPDES permit with an effective date of December 1, 2008, for the discharge from a wastewater treatment (WWTP). A Permit to Install (PTI) was issued for the construction of the WWTP on April 30, 2009.

The NPDES permit for this facility includes the following compliance schedule items:

*NPDES Permit - Part I, C - Schedule of Compliance:*

*This entity shall attain compliance with the final effluent limitations of the permit as expeditiously as practicable, but not later than the dates developed in accordance with the following schedule:*

- a. *Submit a revised permit to install (PTI) application and detail plans for plant and sewer system improvements to serve the entire camp as soon as possible, but not later than one (1) month from the effective date of this permit.*

**A revised PTI was received on 12/05/08 with final revisions received 04/09/09. The PTI was approved 04/30/09. The applicant has 18 months to start construction or request in a timely manner (prior to 10/30/2010 expiration) a onetime 12-month extension.**

- b. *Commence construction as soon as possible, but not later than three (3) months after receipt of Permit to Install plan approval for plant and sewer system improvements to serve the entire camp.*

**Construction was to have been initiated 3 months after PTI approval, or by 07/30/2009.**

- c. *Notify the Ohio EPA Northwest District Office within seven days of construction initiation.*

**No known notification has been received indicating that construction has been initiated.**

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- d. *Complete construction as soon as possible, but not later than 12 months from the effective date of this permit.*

**Construction was to have been completed by December 1, 2009.**

- e. *Notify the Ohio EPA Northwest District Office within seven days of construction completion.*

**No known notification has been received indicating that construction has been completed.**

- f. *Attain operational level of the treatment works and meet final effluent limitations as soon as possible, but not later than 12 months from the effective date of this permit. (Event Code 05599)*

**August 1, 2010, I received an email from Rick Miller that indicates "the camp is still working on funding for the sewer system improvements".**

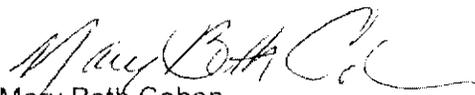
- g. *Notify the Ohio EPA Northwest District Office within seven days of attaining operational level.*

**No known notification has been received regarding the attainment of operational level.**

The ongoing lack of adequate sewage treatment and failure to comply with the NPDES permit can be cause for escalated enforcement action that may include penalties. If progress is not made to construct wastewater treatment and eliminate the compliance schedule violations, we will have no choice but to recommend that the director pursue enforcement action.

If there are any questions, please advise.

Yours truly,



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Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

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