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Re: Richland County
Sites Lake Cottage Area
NPDES permit

October 14, 2008

Josh Bauer
Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District
1319 Third Street Northwest
P.O. Box 349
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Dear Mr. Bauer,

On October 2, 2008, an inspection was made of the wastewater treatment facilities serving the Sites Lake cottage area, Mifflin Township, Richland County. The cottage area is located on the south side of U.S. 30, approximately 1 mile west of the Richland/Ashland county line. The lagoons are located on the north side of U.S. 30 and are accessed from a gravel lane off of Crider Road.

At the time of the inspection wastewater was observed in the first and second lagoons. It was very evident that the first lagoon has become full of solids. Some odors were evident near this lagoon. The effluent from the second lagoon was observed flowing into the third lagoon. This is the current location where samples are collected for compliance with your NPDES permit. The water being discharged to the third lagoon had a green tint to it. The third lagoon does not hold water and all the water discharged to it leaches into the ground.

Your NPDES discharge permit for the lagoons contains a compliance schedule to construct upgrades to the treatment facility. The first milestone in the compliance schedule was to submit a Permit to Install (PTI) application to our office no later than February 1, 2008. As of the date of this letter our office has yet to receive the required PTI application. **Within 14 days of receipt of this letter**, it will be necessary for you to contact our office in writing, describing what steps have been taken in the previous 12 months to prepare the required PTI and when a complete PTI application will be submitted to our office.

If you have any questions please call me at 419-373-3070.

Sincerely,

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Richland County Health Department