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Re: Richland County
Sites Lake Cottage Area
NPDES permit

January 20, 2010

Mr. Gary Taylor
Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District
1319 Third Street Northwest
P.O. Box 349
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Dear Mr. Taylor,

On December 17, 2009, 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. The effluent from the second lagoon was observed flowing into the third lagoon. The discharge into the third lagoon was relatively clear. Excessive growth of algae was evident around the discharge location. A noticeable amount of trash was evident floating in the first lagoon near the inlet. This lagoon appears to be almost completely full of sludge.

Your NPDES discharge permit for the lagoons contains a compliance schedule to construct upgrades to the treatment facility. On October 9, 2009, our office issued an approved Permit to Install for a new extended aeration package treatment plant. Construction should begin as soon as possible. As we have discussed, the current sewage treatment lagoons will need to be cleaned of all sludge once construction of the new treatment plant is completed. As stated in Part II, Item H of your NPDES permit, the Northwest District Office should be contacted at least three months prior to the lagoons being cleaned to discuss the regulatory requirements surrounding this activity.

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

Sincerely,

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