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Re: Richland County
City of Mansfield WWTP
NPDES Permit

September 5, 2007

Angelo Klousiadis, Utility Director
City of Mansfield
30 North Diamond Street
Mansfield, Ohio 44902

Dear Mr. Klousiadis

On August 22, 2007, an inspection was performed of the wastewater treatment facilities serving the City of Mansfield. Mr. Marc Morgan, Plant Manager, was present for a tour of the facilities and to provide information on plant operations and maintenance. This inspection was conducted to assess the current plant conditions following heavy rains and flooding that had occurred earlier in the week.

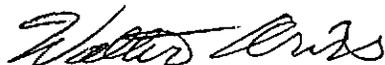
All major treatment units were in operation at the time of the inspection. The bypass to the EQ basin was active, as was the overflow from the basin. A clear effluent was being discharged from the final clarifiers. Mr. Morgan indicated that the only negative operational issue occurred when the river began to intrude on the gravity effluent line. The river rose so quickly that plant operators failed to close the flood gate on the effluent line in time to prevent the river from causing a hydraulic surge in the final settling tanks. Once the gate was closed, the effluent pumping station was activated and no further operational issues were encountered. Mr. Morgan indicated that the plant storm water pumping station failed to work. This failure led to limited flooding of the plant grounds around the operations building. He stated the problem would be investigated and repaired if needed.

A review of the monthly operating reports submitted to our office for the months of March through July 2007 revealed one limit violation of the NPDES permit for the 30 day concentration average for TSS at the 602 outfall. It was also observed that during the month of March the reporting code AE was used on several days when CBOD samples were required from the 602 station. This code indicates that for some reason the analytical data was not valid. Please provide a written explanation for this to our office within 21 days from receipt of this letter.

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In summary, the plant appeared to be operating correctly at the time of the inspection. The heavy rains did not seem to dramatically effect any of the plant operations. If you have any questions, please contact me at 419-373-3070.

Sincerely,



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