

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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April 21, 2011

RE: CAMP ASBURY
PERMIT NO. 3PR00220
PORTAGE COUNTY
HIRAM TOWNSHIP

Mr. William Graham
Camp Asbury
10776 Asbury Road
Hiram, Ohio 44234

Dear Mr. Graham:

On April 14, 2011, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. The facility was represented by Mr. Frank Duplay, Site Manager. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the treatment plant along with the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the above referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

During the inspection, the following items were noted/discussed:

1. The plant design of the wastewater treatment system is 9,000 gallons per day.
2. Valley Environmental is contracted to oversee operations of the wastewater treatment plant.
3. In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-04, the sewage treatment facility is classified as a Class A facility. The permittee shall ensure that the treatment works operator of record is physically present at the facility twice per week for a minimum of one hour per week.
4. The operator of record is required to maintain a field log book on site which documents the date, time and duties performed when they are present at the wastewater treatment plant. The field book can be kept in a mailbox mounted within the fenced in area of the treatment plant.
5. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
6. Mr. Duplay indicated that he recently rebuilt one of the two blowers.
7. The contents of the aeration tank were medium brown in color and no foam was present. This is typical of a properly operating plant.
8. Both sludge return lines were functioning properly and returning medium brown water.
9. Both skimmer return lines were functioning and returning clear water. However the northern skimmer had slight blockage.
10. Scum build-up was present behind the baffle in the settling tank. See Figure 1. The scum should be removed and properly disposed.

11. The weirs and the sidewalls in the settling tank also had scum build-up. See Figure 2. They should be scraped down.
12. Mr. Duplay indicated that he would immediately call McCoy Septic Tank Service and have the trash trap pumped out along with the sludge behind the weir in the settling tank.
13. Minimal vegetation along with a thin layer of sludge build-up was present on the surface sand filter beds. See Figures 3 & 4. The beds should be maintained free of all vegetation and the sludge layer should be raked and properly disposed at a licensed landfill.
14. Mr. Duplay indicated that he was previously told he could burn the sludge. Burning the sludge is not an acceptable practice. The sludge layer should be raked off and placed in a dumpster so long as the content of the dumpster is being taken to a licensed landfill. The dumpster does not have to be dedicated only for the sludge.
15. Please note that chlorination and dechlorination is required from May 1st through October 31st. Both the chlorination and dechlorination dispensing tubes should be appropriately stocked during this time period.
16. Both dosing pumps were tested and found to be operational. The effluent being pumped into the surface sand filter beds was clear.
17. No discharge was observed at the outfall.
18. A permanent marker at the outfall was posted per the requirement of Part II, letter J. of the facility's NPDES permit.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period April 1, 2009, through March 31, 2011 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

Frequency Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported	Violation Date
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Week	1	0	10/22/2009
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Week	1	0	10/22/2009
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Week	1	0	10/22/2009
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Week	1	0	12/15/2009
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Week	1	0	12/15/2009
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Week	1	0	12/15/2009
001	00010	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	07/15/2010
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Week	1	0	07/15/2010
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Week	1	0	07/15/2010
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Week	1	0	07/15/2010

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No limit or code violations were noted.

Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Please inform this office in writing, within 14 days receipt of this letter, of your intentions to resolve items 10, 11, and 13. The letter should include dates, either actual or proposed, for completion of the actions. A follow-up inspection will be conducted subsequent to the completion date.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (330) 963-1143.

Respectfully,



Michael W. Stevens
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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Figure 1

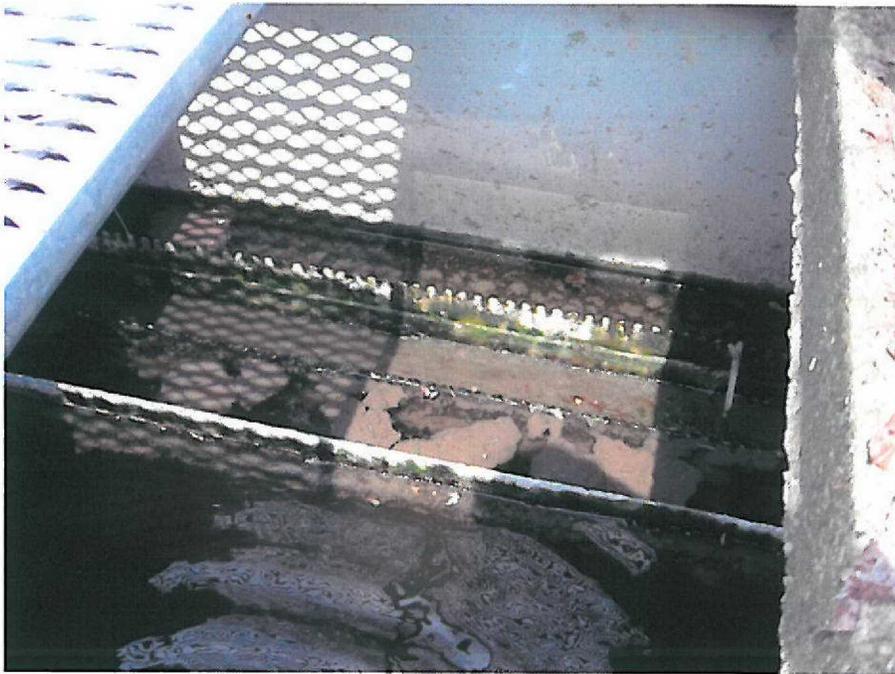


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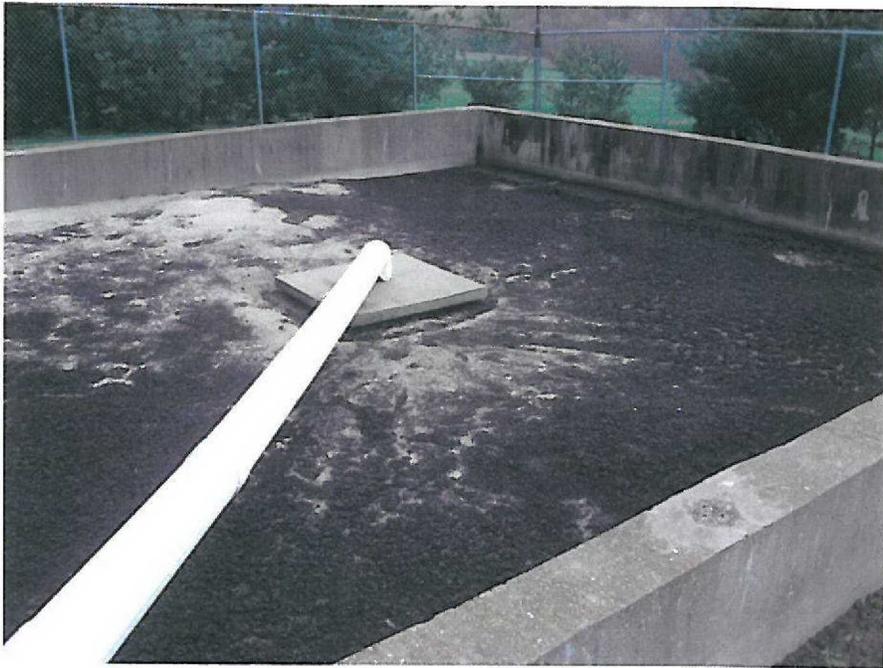


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