

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor  
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June 24, 2010

RE: COUNRTY ACRES CAMPGROUND  
PERMIT NO. 3PR00234  
PORTAGE COUNTY  
RAVENNA

Mr. Anthony Palmentera, Owner  
Country Acres Campground  
9850 Minyoung Road  
~~P.O. Box 822~~  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Dear Mr. Palmentera:

On May 10, 2010, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. The facility was represented by Mr. Jeff Mathews. The purpose of the inspection was to: (1) evaluate the waste water treatment system 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 and (2) determine required additional actions to be undertaken as part of the permit renewal process.

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

1. The plant design of the wastewater treatment system is 10,000 gallons per day.
2. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
3. The equalization basin was also being aerated.
4. The contents of the aeration tank were medium brown in color. Brown foam was present on the surface of the tank. Foam on the surface is not typical of a properly operating plant.
5. Both the sludge return line and skimmer return line were functioning properly.
6. The weirs and the sidewalls in the settling tank had scum build-up. See figure 1. They should be scraped down.
7. Scum build-up was present behind the baffle in the settling tank. See Figure 2. This scum should be removed and properly disposed.
8. One surface sand filter bed was covered with a layer of sludge. See Figure 3. Once the bed dries, the sludge layer should be raked from the bed. The sludge should be properly disposed at a licensed solid waste landfill.

9. Once the sludge layer is removed in the surface sand filter bed, additional filter media may be required. In general 18 inches of approved filter sand is necessary. Any filter sand that is used must meet the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-42-09. More specifically, for conventional surface sand filters, filter sand shall be washed and free of silt; have an effective size of 0.4 mm to 1.0 mm; and have a uniformity coefficient less than 3.0.
10. It was noted that the other surface sand filter bed was freshly raked and was well maintained.
11. It should be noted that chlorination/dechlorination begins May 1<sup>st</sup> and is required through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Both the chlorination and dechlorination dispensing tubes were filled with the appropriate tablets.
12. No discharge was observed.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2010 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:

#### Limit Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	2.0	6.32	9/1/2007
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	3.0	6.32	9/1/2007
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	2.0	7.82	10/1/2007
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	3.0	7.82	10/1/2007
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.5	9/16/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	2.0	5.37	10/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	3.0	5.37	10/1/2008
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	1000	1400.	10/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	2.0	6.86	7/1/2009
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	3.0	6.86	7/1/2009
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	3.5	9/24/2009

No frequency or code violations were noted.

Please note that the following changes have been made in the facility's draft NPDES permit:

1. The renewed permit will contain operator certification and staffing requirements.

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2. A schedule of compliance was placed in the renewed permit which requires the facility to meet E. Coli limits in the final table for monitoring station 3PR00234001.

During the public notice period you will have 30 days to evaluate this permit and comment in writing any concerns you may have.

**Please notify this office in writing within 14 days receipt of this letter your intentions to resolve items 6, 7, and 8. This letter shall include a completion date for each item. A follow-up inspection will be conducted subsequent to the final completion date.**

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

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



Figure 2



Figure 3