

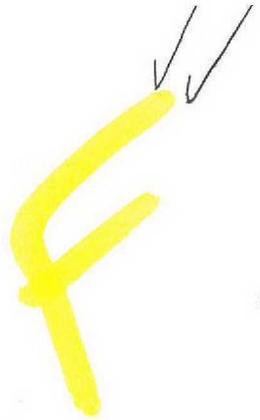


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October 21, 2011

RE: TRUMBULL COUNTY
WARREN TOWNSHIP
SHORTSTOP TRUCK PLAZA
NPDES PERMIT NO. OH0117561
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00162

Mr. Yousef Nijem, President
CKS Truck Stops, Inc.
Short Stop Truck Plaza
6152 West Market Street
Leavittsburg, OH 44430

Dear Mr. Nijem:

On September 29, 2011, Ohio EPA conducted an inspection of the wastewater treatment plant located at the above-referenced address. Ms. Becky Uthe represented Shortstop Truck Plaza. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of its NPDES permit.

The current 10,000 gallon/day treatment system consists of a flow equalization basin, extended aeration activated sludge "package" plant, final settling tank, slow surface sand filtration, sludge holding, and chlorination/dechlorination. Treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed tributary of the Mahoning River.

At the time of the inspection, the following observations and/or deficiencies were noted:

1. The overflow pipes in the sand filters are not an OEPA-approved design modification, and must be removed immediately.
2. Please confirm that both sand filter dose pumps are functioning properly. During the inspection, each pump was manually cycled, but only one produced flow to the active filter bed. If the pump is malfunctioning, it will need to be repaired or replaced immediately.
3. The mixed liquor was a chocolate brown color, indicative of a healthy bacterial population.
4. Operation and maintenance activities should be documented in a bound and numbered log book. Loose sheets are not acceptable as the sole means of recording plant activities. Additionally, maintenance personnel shall include their arrival time, departure time, and initials with each entry.
5. Dechlorination tablets were not observed in the disinfection chamber.
6. There was recent evidence of weeds having been pulled and the sand being raked in the active sand filter.

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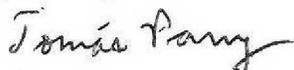
7. For the period 7/1/11 – 9/30/11, the flow values for the facility reported in the Electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (eDMRs) were 10,000 gallons per day, which is the facility's approved design flow. During the inspection, it was noted that the digital display for the flow meter was not on, and the flow meter channel had zero flow flowing through it. Additionally, daily flow values were not observed on the daily log sheets. The facility's NPDES permit requires that flow be monitored continually on a daily basis. Simply entering the facility's design flow because of faulty equipment is not permissible, and can be construed as falsifying reporting requirements, which is a direct violation of Part III, 29B of the NPDES permit.
8. Part II, I of the facility's NPDES permit, which went effective on December 1, 2010, requires that an outfall sign be erected no later than 4 months after the effective date of this permit. During the inspection, no such sign was noted.
9. The final effluent was clear, and was leaving no observable adverse impacts to the receiving stream.

A review of the facility's Discharge Monitoring Reports received by Ohio EPA for the period, May 2010 – September 2011 indicates no violations of the terms and conditions contained in the NPDES permit.

Please inform this office in writing, within 14 days' receipt of this notification, as to the reasons for the above-referenced violations and/or deficiencies, and actions that will be undertaken, or have been taken, to remedy them. Your response shall include specific dates for initiation and completion of this action plan. Please be advised that past or current acts of non-compliance can continue as subjects of future enforcement actions.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact this office at (330)963-1120.

Respectfully,



Tomás Parry
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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Attachment: photographs

pc: Steve Kramer, R.S., Trumbull County Health Department
Ed Mosko, Valley Environmental Labs, Inc.

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