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September 29, 2009

Mr. Keith Brisbin  
Hilltop Meats  
9964 Crosby Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45030

Re: Hamilton County, Hilltop Meats, NPDES Permit Violations

Dear Mr. Brisbin:

We have reviewed your Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) covering the months of January through August 2009 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your NPDES Permit (NPDES Permit # OH0134112; OEPA Permit # 11H00024\*AD). The specific instances of noncompliance and deficiencies were as follows:

Effluent Violations for January through August 2009					
Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Units	Permit Limit	Reported Value
January 2009	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	620
January 2009	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	1.6
January 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	3.0	69
January 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.011	0.17
January 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	653
January 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	1.7
January 2009	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	620
January 2009	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	1.6
January 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	4.5	69
January 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	kg/day	0.017	0.17
January 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	mg/l	15	653
January 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	1.7
January 2009	DO	Weekly	mg/l	6.0	5.9
January 2009	Oil & Grease	Weekly	mg/l	10	11
February 2009	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	1640
February 2009	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	2.1
February 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	3.0	33
February 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.011	0.041
February 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	780

Effluent Violations for January through August 2009					
Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Units	Permit Limit	Reported Value
February 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	0.99
February 2009	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	1640
February 2009	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	2.1
February 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	4.5	33
February 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	kg/day	0.017	0.041
February 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	mg/l	15	780
February 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	0.99
February 2009	DO	Weekly	mg/l	6.0	5.2
March 2009	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	1200
March 2009	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	1.0
March 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	3.0	150
March 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.011	0.13
March 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	255
March 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	0.21
March 2009	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	1200
March 2009	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	1.0
March 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	4.5	150
March 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	kg/day	0.017	0.13
March 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	mg/l	15	255
March 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	0.21
March 2009	DO	Weekly	mg/l	6.0	3.0
April 2009	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	57
April 2009	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	0.12
April 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	3.0	1000
April 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.011	2.2
April 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	1290
April 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	2.8
April 2009	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	57
April 2009	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	0.12
April 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	4.5	1000
April 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	kg/day	0.017	2.2
April 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	mg/l	15	1290
April 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	2.8
April 2009	DO	Weekly	mg/l	6.0	0.2
April 2009	Oil & Grease	Weekly	mg/l	10	17
May 2009	Fecal Coliform	Monthly	#/100ml	1000	"AK"
May 2009	Fecal Coliform	Weekly	#/100ml	2000	"AK"

Effluent Violations for January through August 2009					
Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Units	Permit Limit	Reported Value
May 2009	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	15700
May 2009	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	27
May 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	1.0	168
May 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.0038	0.29
May 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	1140
May 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	2.0
May 2009	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	15700
May 2009	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	27
May 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	1.5	168
May 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	kg/day	0.0057	0.29
May 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	mg/l	15	1140
May 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	2.0
May 2009	DO	Weekly	mg/l	6.0	0.1
June 2009	Fecal Coliform	Monthly	#/100ml	1000	"AK"
June 2009	Fecal Coliform	Weekly	#/100ml	2000	"AK"
June 2009	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	282
June 2009	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	0.23
June 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	1.0	92
June 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.0038	0.075
June 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	282
June 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	0.23
June 2009	DO	Weekly	mg/l	6.0	1.0

The DMRs for July 2009 have also not been submitted at this time. These DMRs must be submitted as soon as possible.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations or to satisfy the reporting requirements of your NPDES Permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111.

We have reviewed your reports addressing the reasons for the above violations and the actions being taken to prevent further occurrences. No additional information is requested at this time. Future violations must continue to be reported as required by the NPDES Permit as detailed in Part III.12 titled "Noncompliance Notification." Future NPDES Permit violations may also be reported in accordance to the new Ohio EPA reporting requirements. These reporting requirements are addressed at the following Ohio EPA website: [http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/24-hour Report FactSheet.pdf](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/24-hour%20Report%20FactSheet.pdf).

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If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (937) 285-6096.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ned Sarle".

Ned Sarle  
Division of Surface Water  
Permit Section

cc: Andy Griner, Winelco, Inc.