



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Lee Fisher, Lt. Governor  
Chris Korfeski, Director

March 4, 2010

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 September 2009 through January 2010 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 Limit Violations for September through November 2009

Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Units	Permit Limit	Reported Value
September 2009	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	1220
September 2009	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	0.30
September 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	1.0	9960
September 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.0038	2.5
September 2009	Fecal Coliform	Monthly	#/100ml	1000	"AK"
September 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	468
September 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	0.11
September 2009	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	1220
September 2009	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	0.30
September 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	1.5	9960
September 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	kg/day	0.0057	2.5
September 2009	Fecal Coliform	Weekly	#/100ml	2000	"AK"
September 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	mg/l	15	468
September 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	0.11
September 2009	DO	Daily	mg/l	6.0	2.2
October 2009	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	2090
October 2009	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	2.1
October 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	1.0	155

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October 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.0038	0.15
October 2009	Fecal Coliform	Monthly	#/100ml	1000	20000
October 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	492
October 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	0.49
October 2009	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	2090
October 2009	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	2.1
October 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	1.5	155
October 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	kg/day	0.0057	0.15
October 2009	Fecal Coliform	Weekly	#/100ml	2000	20000
October 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	mg/l	15	492
October 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	0.49
October 2009	DO	Daily	mg/l	6.0	0.7
November 2009	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	790
November 2009	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	0.78
November 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	3.0	135
November 2009	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.011	0.13
November 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	516
November 2009	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	0.51
November 2009	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	790
November 2009	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	0.78
November 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	4.5	135
November 2009	Ammonia	Weekly	kg/day	0.017	0.13
November 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	mg/l	15	516
November 2009	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	0.51
November 2009	pH	Daily	S.U.	6.5	5.7
November 2009	DO	Daily	mg/l	6.0	1.8
November 2009	Oil & Grease	Daily	mg/l	10	56.5

The DMRs for December 2009 and January 2010 have also not been submitted at this time. These DMRs must be submitted immediately.

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 received your reports addressing the reasons for the above violations and the actions being taken to prevent further occurrences. Your explanation is not satisfactory

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and we request, within ten days of receipt of this letter, written information as to what additional steps you take to prevent further occurrences. Future violations must continue to be reported as required by the NPDES Permit as detailed in Part III.12 titled "Noncompliance Notification." 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_Report_FactSheet.pdf).

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

Sincerely,



Ned Sarle  
Division of Surface Water  
Permit Section

cc: Andy Griner, Winelco, Inc.



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