

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

September 17, 2010

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

Re: Hamilton County, Hilltop Meats, NPDES Permit Violations

Dear Mr. Brisbin:

On July 7, 2010, I wrote to you concerning my inspection that was conducted on June 30, 2010 at this facility. In this report, you were required to submit a written response by August 6, 2010. At this time, you have failed to submit this response. You must immediately submit this response.

In addition, we have reviewed your Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) covering the months of May through July 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 were as follows:

Effluent Violations for May through July 2010					
Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Units	Permit Limit	Reported Value
May 2010	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	135
May 2010	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	0.18
May 2010	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	1.0	154
May 2010	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.0038	0.21
May 2010	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	249
May 2010	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	0.34
May 2010	Fecal Coliform	Monthly	#/100ml	1000	"AK"
May 2010	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	135
May 2010	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	0.18
May 2010	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	1.5	154
May 2010	Ammonia	Weekly	kg/day	0.0057	0.21
May 2010	CBOD5	Weekly	mg/l	15	249
May 2010	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	0.34
May 2010	Fecal Coliform	Weekly	#/100ml	2000	"AK"
May 2010	DO	Daily	mg/l	6.0	2.6

Effluent Violations for May through July 2010					
Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Units	Permit Limit	Reported Value
June 2010	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	210
June 2010	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	0.32
June 2010	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	1.0	186
June 2010	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.0038	0.28
June 2010	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	228
June 2010	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	0.35
June 2010	Fecal Coliform	Monthly	#/100ml	1000	"AK"
June 2010	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	210
June 2010	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	0.32
June 2010	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	1.5	186
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June 2010	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	0.35
June 2010	Fecal Coliform	Weekly	#/100ml	2000	"AK"
June 2010	DO	Daily	mg/l	6.0	1.2
July 2010	TSS	Monthly	mg/l	12	56
July 2010	TSS	Monthly	kg/day	0.045	0.11
July 2010	Ammonia	Monthly	mg/l	1.0	168
July 2010	Ammonia	Monthly	kg/day	0.0038	0.32
July 2010	CBOD5	Monthly	mg/l	10	468
July 2010	CBOD5	Monthly	kg/day	0.038	0.90
July 2010	Fecal Coliform	Monthly	#/100ml	1000	"AK"
July 2010	TSS	Weekly	mg/l	18	56
July 2010	TSS	Weekly	kg/day	0.068	0.11
July 2010	Ammonia	Weekly	mg/l	1.5	168
July 2010	Ammonia	Weekly	kg/day	0.0057	0.32
July 2010	CBOD5	Weekly	mg/l	15	468
July 2010	CBOD5	Weekly	kg/day	0.057	0.90
July 2010	Fecal Coliform	Weekly	#/100ml	2000	"AK"
July 2010	DO	Daily	mg/l	6.0	0.2

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations 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 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

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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,



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Division of Surface Water  
Permit Section

ec: Andy Griner, Winelco, Inc.

