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April 14, 2009

Laurel Bell Apartments
Attn: Mr. Ken Butts
7006 George Faul Road
Sardinia, OH 45171

Corresp

**RE: Laurel Bell Apts. WWTW/ Compliance Evaluation Inspection
NPDES Permit No. OH0127213 / OEPA PERMIT NO. 1PW00038*BD**

Ladies & Gentlemen:

On April 9, 2009, I conducted an NPDES Compliance Evaluation Inspection at the Laurel Bell Apartments wastewater treatment works (WWTW). There were no representatives of Laurel Bell Apartments present during the inspection.

As indicated on the attached NPDES Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report, **several evaluated areas received below "Satisfactory" ratings. Please pay special attention to the "items requiring correction" located within the report in bold type, as there are associated compliance schedules.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at (937) 285-6029 or by e-mail at joshua.jackson@epa.state.oh.us.

Respectfully,

Joshua Jackson
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water

Cc: Bob Reckers, Winelco (w/report)

Enclosures

Permit # : 1PW00038*BD
 NPDES # : OH0127213



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NPDES Compliance Inspection Report
 Semi-Public Sewage Disposal Inspection Form

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
1PW00038*BD	OH0127213	4/9/2009	C	S	2

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Laurel Bell Apartments 1881 Laurel Lindale Road Laurel, Ohio Clermont County	11:10 a.m.	6/1/2007
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	11:20 p.m.	5/31/2012
Name(s), Address and Title(s) of Operator of Record	Phone Number(s)	
Bob Reckers, Winelco (contract operator)	513-755-8050	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Ken Butts 7006 George Faul Road Sardinia, OH 45171	937-446-4063	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)					
S	Permit	S	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment
U	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedule
U	Operations & Maintenance	M	Effluent/Receiving Waters	N	Self-Monitoring Program
U	Facility Site Review	N	Sludge Storage/Disposal	N	Other
N	Collection System				

Section D: Summary of Findings (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

See Attached Report.

Ohio EPA Inspector	Ohio EPA Reviewer
 Joshua Jackson Division of Surface Water Southwest District Office	 Debora Roth, P.E. Permits Supervisor Division of Surface Water Southwest District Office
4-14-09 Date	4/14/09 Date

**Inspection Findings
(Items for Correction in Bold Type)**

The average daily design flow of the Laurel Bell Apartments wastewater treatment works is 2,600 gallons/day. After performing a review of the discharge monitoring reports submitted by this facility's contract operator (Winelco), it appears that no DMRs have been submitted from July 2008 – March 2009. The contract operator states that samples/data have been collected but they are withholding that information until they have been paid.

Ohio EPA has no interest in mediating any conflicts between a permit holder and a contract operator, however failure to submit discharge monitoring reports is a violation of the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit and subject to enforcement action (which typically includes monetary penalties). Any enforcement action would be taken against the permit holder.

If the discharge monitoring reports for June 2008 – March 2009, are not submitted to Ohio EPA by May 1, 2009, Ohio EPA will begin the enforcement process immediately.

Items Noted During the Inspection

1. Both the aeration system and the sand filter have a perimeter fence with locked gates. One day prior to the inspection, I spoke with the contract operator and he was unable to meet me at the WWTW due to a prior scheduling commitment; so there was no one available on-site to unlock the gates. However, there was a section of the fence surrounding the sand filter that had separated from the frame and one of the sand filters was observed to contain a large amount of solids carried over from the aeration system.
2. Even though I was unable to gain access to the aeration system, I noted that the blower for the aeration system was not operating at the time of the inspection and there were septic odors within 15 feet of the aeration system.
3. The effluent from the WWTW was slightly turbid with a few solids in the receiving ditch.

The condition of the WWTW is unacceptable. A certified operator with a minimum Class I wastewater certification must inspect the WWTW and provide recommendations to bring the plant back into compliance. Ohio EPA Southwest District Office must be copied on the results of the inspection and recommendations. All of the recommendations must be implemented no later than May 15, 2009. If any of the recommendations require the installation of equipment, consult with this office for information about the permit to install application process.

Record Keeping Requirements

There was no "Operator of Record" log book located on-site. Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-09 requires the following:

(A) The owner and operator of record of a public water system, treatment works or sewerage system shall maintain or cause to be maintained operation and maintenance records for each public water system, water treatment plant within a public water system, treatment work, or wastewater treatment facility within a treatment works. Some of the formats in which the records may be maintained include, but are not limited to, hard bound books with consecutive page numbering, time cards, separate operation and maintenance records, or well organized computer logs.

1) The records shall be housed and maintained in such a manner as to be protected from weather damage and guarantee the authenticity and accuracy of the records contained within.

(2) The records shall be accessible onsite for twenty-four hour inspection by agency or emergency response personnel.

(3) At a minimum, the following information shall be recorded:

(a) Identification of the public water system, sewerage system, or treatment works;

(b) Date and times of arrival and departure for the operator of record and any other operator required by this chapter;

(c) Specific operation and maintenance activities that affect or have the potential to affect the quality or quantity of sewage or water conveyed, effluent or water produced;

(d) Results of tests performed and samples taken, unless documented on a laboratory sheet;

(e) Performance of preventative maintenance and repairs or requests for repair of the equipment that affect or have the potential to affect the quality or quantity of sewage or water conveyed, effluent or water produced; and

(f) Identification of the persons making entries.

(4) The records shall be kept up to date, contain a minimum of the previous three months of data at all times, and be maintained for at least three years.

Mr. Butts shall provide a log book on-site no later than May 1, 2009. This log book must meet all the requirements shown above and must be available upon request (typically during an inspection by Ohio EPA).

Operator of Record

The Operator of Record for this facility must submit an "Operator of Record Notification Form" (attached) no later than May 1, 2009.



Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
 Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
 Operator Certification Unit

Operator of Record (ORC) Notification Form

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 50 West Town St, Suite 700
 P.O. Box 1049
 Columbus, OH 43216-1049

Phone: (614) 644-2752
 1- 866 - 411-OPCT (6728)
 Fax: (614) 644-2909
 email: opcert@epa.state.oh.us
 website: www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/opcert.html

I. SYSTEM INFORMATION

Name of System: _____ Phone Number: _____

PWS ID/NPDES Permit #: _____ STU # _____ Classification: _____

 Name of Facility Owner or Permittee, Title (Print) Facility Owner or Permittee (Signature)

II. SYSTEM TYPE (Check only one of the following. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Public Water System (PWS)	Distribution System	Treatment Works	Collection System

III. OPERATOR OF RECORD INFORMATION

Add Additional(A), New (N) or Remove(R)	Name of Operator of Record	Certification Number & Expiration Date	I verify that I am the onsite certified operator responsible for the technical operation of the above referenced facility. (Signature of certified operator)*

* A signature by an operator of record who is being removed is not required.
 (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Amount of time an ORC spends onsite at the Facility: _____

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Reviewed by:	Date of SDWIS update:
Date of Compliance Status Letter:	