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Re: Notice of Violation
Allen County
The Bluffton Stone Company
Ohio EPA Permit No. 2IJ00018
NPDES Permit No. OH0003565

October 30, 2007

Mr. Jim Scheub
The Bluffton Stone Company
P.O. Box 26
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Dear Mr. Scheub:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring report covering the months of July 2007 to August 2007 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

August 2007

| Outfall | Date | Parameter | Reported | Units | Limitation |
|---------|------|------------------|----------|-------|------------|
| 002 | Avg. | Suspended solids | 49.8 | mg/l | 30 |
| 002 | 8/30 | Suspended solids | 49.8 | mg/l | 45 |

Our review also indicates improper use of the "AH" reporting code. Use of this code is limited to events when a required sample is not taken for a reason other than one covered by another "A" code. An explanation as to why the sample was not taken must be given in the additional remarks section of the monthly operating report. **No explanation was given in the additional remarks section.**

Please inform this office in writing within ten days of receipt of this letter as to the reasons for the above referenced violations, as well as a description of the actions taken or proposed to prevent any further violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for completion of the actions.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements, including adequate laboratory controls, appropriate quality assurance procedures, and records retention, as specified in your Part III-General conditions of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111. If these violations continue to occur and if satisfactory progress is not made, it may be necessary to initiate enforcement action to achieve compliance.

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The Ohio EPA strongly encourages pollution prevention as the preferred approach for waste management. The first priority of pollution prevention is to eliminate the generation of wastes and pollutants at the source (source reduction). For those wastes or pollutants that are generated, the second priority is to recycle or reuse them in an environmentally sound manner.

You can benefit economically, help preserve the environment, and improve your public image by implementing pollution prevention programs. Information about Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance & Pollution Prevention can be found on Ohio EPA's Website at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/ocapp.html> or by calling (614)644-3469.

If there are any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E.
District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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