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Re: Notice of Violation
Allen County
Village of Bluffton
Ohio EPA Permit No.2PC00005
NPDES Permit No. OH0020851

February 6, 2009

Mr. James R. Mehaffie
Village of Bluffton
100 East Elm Street
P.O. Box 63
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Dear Mr. Mehaffie:

We are in receipt of your discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) covering the months of November 2008 to December 2008 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

Violation Date	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value
11/1/2008	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	12.2	14.33
11/1/2008	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	18.4	36.67
11/1/2008	001	01119	Copper, Total Recoverable	30D Conc	31	62.
11/3/2008	001	01119	Copper, Total Recoverable	1D Conc	58	62.
11/6/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	4.8
11/7/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	5.5
11/8/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.3
11/9/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.3
11/10/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.3
11/11/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.1
11/12/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	5.7
11/13/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.3
11/15/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.4
11/22/2008	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	18.4	20.67
12/1/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.2
12/2/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.4
12/5/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.4
12/7/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.3
12/8/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.4
12/10/2008	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.4

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Violation Date	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported
12/01/2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	3/Week	3	2
12/08/2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	3/Week	3	2
12/08/2008	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	3/Week	3	2
12/15/2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	3/Week	3	2
12/15/2008	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	3/Week	3	2

Please inform this office in writing 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 specified in 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.

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,



Elizabeth A. Wick, P.E.
Water Quality Engineer
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