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Re: Allen County
Buckeye Pipeline Company
NPDES Permit

January 22, 2009

Mr. Mark Bonenberger, Environmental Specialist
Buckeye Pipe Line Company, L.P.
Five Tek Park
9999 Hamilton Blvd
Breingsville, PA 18031

Dear Mr. Bonenberger:

On January 8, 2009, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance inspections were conducted at the Buckeye Pipe Line Company – Lima North Terminal, Lima Station and Lima South Terminal. Ms. Kimberly J. Smith was present during each inspection. The inspections included a review of operations at each facility, and observation of each NPDES permitted outfall. Our inspection findings are as follows:

Lima North Terminal

During our visit, the water in the retention tank was clear. A very low volume flow of waste water was being discharged through outfall 001. No samples were collected to verify compliance with NPDES permit limits. All storm water collected at the terminal flows through an oil/water separator and is pumped to the retention tank prior to being discharged to the storm sewer tributary to the Ottawa River. No NPDES permit violations have been reported in the past five years.

We are currently processing your NPDES permit renewal application. Please continue to follow your existing permit until the renewal permit becomes effective.

Lima Station

Storm water is collected in various tank dikes which are graded to direct flow into sedimentation basins. Each sedimentation basin has a valved discharge to one of the three NPDES permitted outfalls. The valves remain closed, except during discharge of storm flow. There was no discharge during our visit.

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Several pH violations have been reported in recent years. As discussed with Ms. Smith, we recommend that Buckeye review the pH violations to determine whether there is any correlation with rainfall events or extended periods of dry weather. Investigations of the source of the pH violations should continue.

Lima South Terminal

Each of the discharge points have a valve that remains closed until discharge is manually initiated. Storm water is pumped into the drainage ditch from outfalls 001, 002 and 003. The discharge to outfall 004 has gravity flow. There was no discharge during our visit.

Copies of our completed inspection reports are enclosed for your records. If you have any questions, please call me at (419)373-3008.

Sincerely,


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

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Enclosures

pc: Ms. Kimberly J. Smith, Buckeye Partners, L.P. w/enclosures
DSW-NWDO Files (3) w/enclosures



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NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
21100013	OH0095028	1/8/2009	C	S	2

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Buckeye Pipe Line Company, L.P. Lima Station 3250 South Dixie Highway Lima, Ohio 45804	10:20 AM	4/1/2008
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	10:40 AM	3/31/2013
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Number(s)	
Ms. Kimberly J. Smith, Environmental Coordinator	419-993-8005	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Mr. Mark Bonenberger, Environmental Specialist Buckeye Pipe Line Company, L.P. Five Tek Park; 9999 Hamilton Blvd. Breinigsville, PA 18031	610-904-4000	

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

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

No discharge during inspection, sedimentation ponds were frozen.

High pH violations have been reported in recent years.

Inspector	Reviewer
<i>Thomas Poffenberger</i> 1/20/09	<i>Elizabeth A. Wick</i> 1/21/09
Thomas Poffenberger, P.E. Date District Engineer Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office	Elizabeth A. Wick, P.E. Date Water Quality Engineer Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office