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November 13, 2009

RE: LAKE COUNTY  
PAINESVILLE WATER POLLUTION  
CONTROL CENTER  
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION  
NPDES PERMIT NO. OH0026948  
OEPA PERMIT NO. 3PD00029

Randy Bruback, Superintendent  
Painesville Water Pollution Control Center  
1170 North State Street  
P.O. Box 601  
Painesville, OH 44077

Dear Mr. Bruback:

On October 29, 2009, this writer conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the Painesville Wastewater Treatment Plant. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the wastewater treatment plant's operation and maintenance condition, and to evaluate the facility's compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit effluent limits. You represented the city during the inspection.

At the time of inspection, the plant was producing an effluent of satisfactory visual quality, in that there was no evidence of suspended solids, floating debris or oil and grease. The wastewater treatment plant is undergoing significant renovation of its treatment units. The City of Painesville has received an estimated \$3.17 million dollars in loans from the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance. Construction started April 2009 and approximately one-third of the construction work has been completed. All treatment units, with the exception of those units undergoing renovation, were in operation. One of the primary settling tanks, two aeration tanks, one of the secondary settling tanks and all but one of the filters were off-line. The effluent was not receiving tertiary treatment due to problems arising with the design specifications for the filter media.

RANDY BRUBACK, SUPERINTENDENT  
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A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports covering the period of October 2008 through September 2009 revealed the following effluent limitation violations:

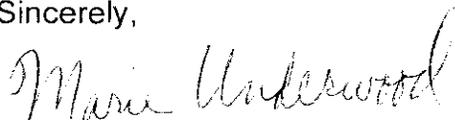
Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	409	442.580	2/8/2009

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations or to satisfy the monitoring, reporting, or compliance scheduling requirements of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111.

This office has reviewed your report addressing the reasons for the above violations and the corrective action taken. No additional information is requested at this time.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned at (330) 963-1183.

Sincerely,



Marie Underwood, P.E.  
Environmental Engineer  
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