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RE: WAYNE COUNTY
VILLAGE OF SMITHVILLE
NPDES# 3PB00046

Mr. Charles Heath, Superintendent
Smithville WWTP
485 Northeast Street
Smithville, OH 44677

Dear Mr. Heath:

On August 7, 2008, this writer, accompanied by Chris Moody of this office, met with you and Don Fry to conduct an inspection of the sewage treatment plant for the Village of Smithville. The inspection was a follow-up to our initial inspection on June 10, 2008.

During this inspection, we discussed the contents of my July 7, 2008 letter which summarized the June inspection. Most of the deficiencies noted in the July letter were resolved. Specifically, the following were noted:

- The clarifier that was in poor condition has been repaired and was operating at the time of the inspection;
- The sludge drying beds were still filled with weeds but it is our understanding that no sludge processing/drying is being completed at the moment;
- The overflow that was suspected at the last inspection was not an overflow and was leakage from a valve that was repaired shortly before our inspection in June 2008; and
- The violations included in the letter were resolved with our Central Office staff. Nearly all of the violations were frequency violations which stemmed from the Village's monitoring data not reaching Central Office.

During the visit, we discussed the compliance schedule located in the Village's current NPDES permit. The compliance schedule (copy attached) requires the Village to achieve compliance with an Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) evaluation and a Mercury Variance within a certain time frame. To date, the Village is not in compliance with any of these requirements and will be considered non-compliant with the NPDES permit.

Per the compliance schedule, the Village is required to initiate an evaluation of the collection system to determine sources or causes of I/I, submit a report outlining the findings of the evaluation to the Ohio EPA Northeast District Office, and submit yearly status reports. To date, our office has not received any of this data.

During the inspection, it was brought to our attention that the Village contracted with a consultant to perform flow monitoring in the collection system. This work was completed in June 2008 and the report is forthcoming.

We recommend the Village compile a report to submit to the Ohio EPA which summarizes all the work completed on the I/I from the effective date of the current NPDES cycle

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(December 1, 2005) to date. In addition, the final report from the consultant must be forwarded to the Ohio EPA upon completion. We would also recommend that the Village look into the requirements of the Mercury Variance which was also required per the compliance schedule. Information regarding the Mercury Variance can be found at the following web site:

http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/technical_assistance.html

As a reminder, continued non-compliance with your NPDES permit requirements can result in the matter being referred to our legal staff for enforcement action. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact this office at (330) 963-1299.

Respectfully,



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