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**Environmental
Protection Agency**

Tom D. Cochran, Governor
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June 14, 2010

RE: WAYNE COUNTY
CITY OF WOOSTER
NPDES# 3PD00013

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mayor Robert Breneman
City of Wooster
1020 Old Columbus Road
Wooster, Ohio 44691-4618

Dear Mayor Breneman:

A summary of the City of Wooster's wastewater treatment plant discharge violations for outfall 001 for the months of April 2010 are shown below:

Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
April 2010	001	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.	4/12/2010
April 2010	001	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	24	32.8	4/22/2010
April 2010	001	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	682	728.742	4/22/2010
April 2010	001	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	6.72	7.425	4/22/2010

Our office is in receipt of the City's May 24, 2010 letter addressing the above noted violations. The letter indicated rain events during April caused significantly increased flows to the Wooster Wastewater Treatment Plant (WPCP). The month of April was a wet month with overall flows to the WPCP increased. In addition, plant data shows an increase in organic loading for the month and has been operating above design loads. According to the Part III report for the week of April 22nd through 28th, the high flow events due to heavy downpours caused the plant to experience some sludge bulking.

The weekly total suspended solids load and concentration exceedances, in addition to the ammonia exceedance were attributable to the high flow and sludge settleability conditions at the plant. More specifically, the total suspended solids exceedances occurred due to final clarifier bulking during a rain event and the ammonia exceedance occurred after the plant had been operating for an extended period of time in the contact stabilization mode. As has been indicated, the plant is not designed specifically to operate in the contact stabilization mode for an extended period of time due to the lack of nitrification occurring in this mode of operation.

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The City is currently in the process of constructing the biotower near the Frito Lay property. A PTI has been issued by the Ohio EPA for the biotower project. It is understood that, as of April 2010, some progress has occurred at the site. The City has estimated completion of construction to be in late September 2010/early October 2010.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact this office at (330) 963-1299.

Respectfully,



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