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March 31, 2009

RE: WAYNE COUNTY
CITY OF WOOSTER
NPDES# 3PD00013

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

CERTIFIED MAIL

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

Dear Mayor and Council:

A summary of the City of Wooster's wastewater treatment plant discharge violations for outfall 001 for the month of February 2009 is shown below:

Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
February 2009	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Qty	284	413.001	2/1/2009
February 2009	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	455	1051.23	2/1/2009
February 2009	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	16	20.0869	2/1/2009
February 2009	001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.9	2/2/2009
February 2009	001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	3.8	2/3/2009
February 2009	001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	3.5	2/4/2009
February 2009	001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.	2/5/2009
February 2009	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Qty	426	1381.43	2/8/2009
February 2009	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	15	23.6666	2/8/2009
February 2009	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Qty	191	214.964	2/8/2009
February 2009	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	682	3466.46	2/8/2009
February 2009	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	24	56.5	2/8/2009

The 24 hour non-compliance reports submitted to our office reference sludge settleability as an ongoing issue responsible for the Total Suspended Solids and CBOD violations. The wastewater plant was subjected to high flows due to snow melt which, along with the sludge settleability problems, caused the secondary clarifiers to bulk with sludge. The reports also indicated the Dissolved Oxygen violations were due to a post aeration pump failure which was thought to have been corrected using a back up pump. The D.O. probe was checked, serviced, recalibrated and began providing more accurate readings.

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On March 23, 2009, our office received a letter from Jim Borton referencing the February 2009 wastewater treatment plant violations for the City of Wooster. Our office has reviewed the letter and we understand that the City of Wooster continues to put forth the effort to find a process and mode of operation that would allow for more consistent operation of the wastewater treatment plant. We also recognize that the City of Wooster is evaluating additional treatment for the high strength wastewater received from Frito Lay, Inc. In addition, our office is aware that the City of Wooster is trying various additives at the wastewater treatment plant to counteract the sludge settleability problem that is occurring.

We would like to emphasize to the City of Wooster that our goal is for the wastewater treatment plant to produce a quality effluent and to obtain and maintain compliance with the NPDES permit effluent limits. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact this office at (330) 963-1299.

Respectfully,



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