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Re: Notice of Violation
Auglaize County
St. Marys WWTP
Ohio EPA Permit No. 2PD00026
NPDES Permit No. OH0021415

June 20, 2008

Mr. Dave Sprague
WWTP & WTP Superintendent
City of St. Marys
101 E. Spring Street
St. Marys, Ohio 45885

Dear Mr. Sprague:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring reports covering the months of January 2008, through March 2008, for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are attached on a separate sheet. Further review of your self-monitoring reports for the previous six months, ending in March 2008, indicates that you are in significant non-compliance (SNC) with an effluent limitation contained in your NPDES permit. The specific instance of SNC is attached on a separate sheet.

Please inform this office in writing as to the reasons for the above referenced violations, as well as a description of the actions taken or proposed to prevent any further violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for completion of the actions.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements, including adequate laboratory controls, appropriate quality assurance procedures, and records retention, as specified in your Part III-General conditions of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111. If these violations continue to occur and if satisfactory progress is not made, it may be necessary to initiate enforcement action to achieve compliance.

The Ohio EPA strongly encourages pollution prevention as the preferred approach for waste management. The first priority of pollution prevention is to eliminate the generation of wastes and pollutants at the source (source reduction). For those wastes or pollutants that are generated, the second priority is to recycle or reuse them in an environmentally sound manner.

You can benefit economically, help preserve the environment, and improve your public image by implementing pollution prevention programs. For more information about pollution prevention, including fact sheets or U. S. EPA's *"Facility Pollution Prevention Guide"* (EPA/600/R-92.008), please contact the Ohio EPA Pollution Prevention Section at (614) 644-3469.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3022.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Wick, P.E.
District Engineer/Unit Supervisor
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

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Violations for St. Marys WWTP - January thru March 2008

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PD00026*PD	January 2008	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Conc	1.8	2.8	1/1/2008
2PD00026*PD	January 2008	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Qty	0.0000	.00002	1/1/2008
2PD00026*PD	February 2008	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Conc	1.8	4.61	2/1/2008
2PD00026*PD	February 2008	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Qty	0.0000	.00004	2/1/2008
2PD00026*PD	March 2008	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Conc	1.8	2.96	3/1/2008
2PD00026*PD	March 2008	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Qty	0.0000	.00003	3/1/2008

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Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance **

Period: Oct-07 Mar-08

County	Permit #	Facility Name	Major	Station Code	Param Code	Parameter Name	Max % Exceed	# Months Signif Exceed (1)**	# Months Exceed (2)**
Auglaize	2PD00026	Saint Marys STP *	M	1	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Level)	600	5	5

Footnotes

for Significant NonCompliance

** Significant non-compliance with effluent limits occurred if one or more pollutants met the following conditions:

1. During 2 or more months, the reported effluent concentration (or computed load) for a parameter exceeded an effluent limit by:
   a. 40% for Group 1 pollutants **plus Fecal Coliform**
   b. 20% for Group 2 pollutants **plus pH, Temperature, whole effluent toxicity**

-- or --

2. During 4 or more months, the reported concentration (or computed load) exceeded the limit by > 1%.

Note: This method differs from USEPA Significant Non-compliance (SNC) method in the following ways:
- USEPA only evaluates SNC for average limits. In above analyses, maximum and weekly limits were also considered.