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

March 5, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Sprague:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring reports covering the months of October 2008, through December 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 December 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.

We have reviewed the City's proposed mercury variance application and have found it to be acceptable and have public noticed the City's modified NPDES permit containing the accepted mercury variance. The modified permit is proposed to be effective March 1, 2009. Therefore, no further information regarding the referenced violations is required at this time.

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.

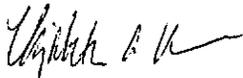
The Ohio EPA strongly encourages pollution prevention as the preferred approach for waste management. The first priority of pollution prevention is to eliminate the generation of wastes and pollutants at the source (source reduction). For those wastes or pollutants that are generated, the second priority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

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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 Mr. Justin Williams 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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St. Marys WWTTP Violations for October - December 2008

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PD00026*PD	November 2008	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Conc	1.8	3.81	11/1/2008
2PD00026*PD	November 2008	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Qty	0.0000	.00002	11/1/2008
2PD00026*PD	December 2008	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Conc	1.8	8.895	12/1/2008
2PD00026*PD	December 2008	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Qty	0.0000	.00007	12/1/2008
2PD00026*PD	December 2008	581	78465	Molybdenum In Sludge	1D Conc	75	76.7	12/1/2008

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Get Detail for Selected Permit

Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance **

Period: Jul-08 Dec-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)	394.2	2	2

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.

Emergency Response Section - Initial Pollution Incident Report (IPIR)

5/1/2009

Spill Id Number: 0905-06-1303//0

District: NW

Reported By: JOE HURLBURT	Reported: 05/01/2009 10:30
Title: OP	Discovered: 05/01/2009 07:00
Telephone: (419) 394-5193 ext:	Occurred: 00/00/0000
Affiliation: ANY TWP TRUSTEE, MAYOR, GOVT OR C	Chronic: N

County: AUGLAIZE	City/Township: ST MARYS
Did Spiller Report ? Y	Complaint ? N
Received By: HOLMES, CHRIS	Priority: 4
Local EPC ? N	Did you tell the Spiller to Call the N.R.C ? N
Business: N	SARA Report: N

Suspected Spiller: ST MARYS WWTP
Mailing Address: N/A
Telephone: (000) 000-0000 ext:

Location: 550 NORTH HICKORY ST
Source: FIXED FACILITY - PUBLIC - WASTE SYSTEM
Cause: DISCHARGE/BYPASS TREATMENT SYSTE **Reason:** RAIN / FLOODING
Waterways Affected: ST MARYS RIVER **Media Affected 1:** SURFACE WATER/STORM
Media Affected 2: **Media Affected 3:**

Product(s) Spilled

Product	Amount	UOM	RQ	Size	Type	EHS
SEWAGE	.0	UNK	.0	L	S	N

Other Agencies Notified

Agency	Person	Date	Time
DSW/WW	WICK	05/01/2009	10:31

Remark

SEWAGE BYPASS DUE TO RAIN.