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

June 24, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Sprague:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring reports covering the months of January through March 2009 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 2009, indicates that you are in significant non-compliance (SNC) with two effluent limitations contained in your NPDES permit. The specific instances of SNC are attached on a separate sheet.

The City's modified NPDES permit containing an accepted mercury variance became effective March 1, 2009. Therefore, no further information regarding the referenced mercury violations is required at this time. We are also aware that construction at the WWTP was underway at the time of the violations. You need only to respond to any violations listed that cannot be attributed to the construction activities at the WWTP.

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.

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If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Justin Williams at (419) 373 – 3022.

Sincerely,



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District Engineer/Unit Supervisor  
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

~~PCW/Enclosure: NWDO = DSW File~~

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Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PD00026*PD	February 2009	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Qty	71.1	103.750	2/22/2009
2PD00026*PD	February 2009	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	30D Qty	47.7	67.2219	2/1/2009
2PD00026*PD	February 2009	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Conc	9.4	15.2	2/22/2009
2PD00026*PD	February 2009	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Conc	9.4	14.0666	2/1/2009
2PD00026*PD	February 2009	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	30D Conc	6.3	10.705	2/1/2009
2PD00026*PD	February 2009	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	342	464.404	2/22/2009
2PD00026*PD	February 2009	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	228	230.826	2/1/2009
2PD00026*PD	February 2009	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	45	66.6666	2/22/2009
2PD00026*PD	February 2009	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	45	47.	2/15/2009
2PD00026*PD	February 2009	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	30	32.5833	2/1/2009
2PD00026*PD	January 2009	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Qty	0.0000	.00002	1/1/2009
2PD00026*PD	January 2009	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Conc	1.8	4.16	1/1/2009
2PD00026*QD	March 2009	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Qty	71.1	91.3555	3/1/2009
2PD00026*QD	March 2009	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Conc	9.4	15.2333	3/1/2009

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Get Detail for Selected Permit

### Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance \*\*

Period: Oct-08 Mar-09

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	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	69.9	2	2
Auglaize	2PD00026	Saint Marys STP *	M	1	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Level)	394.2	3	3

### 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.