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RE: AQUA OHIO, INC.
MAHONING COUNTY
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3IW00082
SFY 2007 CEI

Mr. Carl McMorran
Aqua Ohio Filtration Plant
7640 Youngstown-Pittsburg Road
Poland, OH 44514

Dear Mr. McMorran:

On March 17, 2008, this writer conducted an unannounced Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) of the Aqua Ohio, Inc. water treatment plant on S.R. 170 in Poland, Ohio. The intent of the inspection was to discuss any modifications that may have occurred at the plant since the previous inspection.

No concerns were noted during this most recent inspection. During our discussions you stated that Aqua Ohio is now re-circulating wastewater from the outside settling tank into the treatment plant for re-use. No wastewater from the settling tanks was discharged to Burgess Lake in 2007. Lime sludge is still transported by Barth Farms for disposal in an abandoned coal mining pit.

As discussed with you during the inspection, a review of the 2007 compliance record for Aqua Ohio identified reporting violations for the semi-annual pollutants. The reason for identifying the violations is that since the discharge to Burgess Lake has ceased, Aqua Ohio reported flow values of zero each day in June and December 2007. Since no discharge occurred, no analytical results for the other regulated parameters were reported.

Even though there was no flow reported for June and December, the compliance tracking system continued to look for the other regulated parameters in those months. The Ohio EPA tracking systems follows through with this practice unless the code "AL" is included in the top left cell of the reporting form. When the "AL" code is used, no other data is required on the form. Therefore, when no discharge occurs for an entire month, complete the reporting form by typing only the "AL" code in the top left cell. It is recommended that to eliminate the reporting violations in June and December of 2007, you submit revised monthly reports using the "AL" code.

You may contact this office at (330) 963-1251 to discuss any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

John Kwolek
District Engineer
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