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December 2, 2008

RE: ALCO MANUFACTURING CORP.
LORAIN COUNTY
PERMIT NO. 3IS00123

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Matthew J. Basinski
Alco Manufacturing Corp.
10584 Middle Avenue
Elyria, Ohio 44035

Dear Mr. Basinski:

On November 20, 2008, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. No one was present during the inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the treatment system along with the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the above referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

During the inspection, the following items were noted:

1. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
2. The contents of the aeration tank were light brown in color and no foam was present. A medium brown color is more typical of a properly operating plant.
3. The sludge return line was functioning properly. However the discharge was light brown in color.
4. The skimmer return line was functioning properly and returning clear water. The skimmer was properly adjusted.
5. No scum build-up was present behind the baffle in the settling tank.
6. The weirs and the sidewalls in the settling tank were also free of solids.
7. Both surface sand filter beds were free of vegetation.
8. The surface sand filter beds were also free of sludge.
9. Ms. Christina Douglas from Uni-tech Environmental Services, Inc. remains the current operator of the treatment system.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period February 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

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Limit Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	12.	3/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	2.55	6/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	0.03	.03046	6/1/2008
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	1000	2030.	6/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	1.5	2.55	6/22/2008
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	7D Conc	2000	2030.	6/22/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	1.55	8/1/2008
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	1000	3640.	8/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	1.5	1.55	8/15/2008
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	7D Conc	2000	3640.	8/15/2008

Frequency Violations

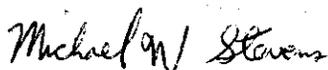
Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported	Violation Date
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Week	1	0	04/22/2008
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Week	1	0	09/22/2008

The facility has been in noncompliance with its NPDES permit ammonia limits three of the last four reporting periods. Please notify this office in writing within 14 days receipt of this letter what actions are going to be taken to eliminate the ongoing ammonia violations. This letter should include dates either actual or proposed.

Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (330) 963-1143.

Respectfully,



Michael W. Stevens
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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