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November 10, 2008

RE: GUGGISBERG CHEESE  
CHARM  
3IH00101

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Richard Guggisberg, President  
Guggisberg Cheese, Inc.  
5060 State Route 557  
Millersburg, OH 44654

Dear Mr. Guggisberg:

On November 5, 2008, this office conducted an inspection of the wastewater treatment system serving your Charm facility. Present during the inspection were this writer and John Kwolek, Ohio EPA NEDO, Eric Phillips, Envirotect, Richard Guggisberg and Jeff Goeg, Guggisberg Cheese.

The treatment system consists of flow equalization, sequencing batch reactors, surface sand filters and ultraviolet disinfection. The treatment system was installed in April of 2002.

At the time of the inspection, the treatment system appeared to be in good operation and maintenance condition. The system was producing a clear effluent that appeared to be of satisfactory quality.

A review of your Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) covering the period January 2005 through September 2008 revealed the following effluent violations:

Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
January 2005	002	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	26.8	44.	1/1/2005
January 2005	002	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	1.86	4.1212	1/1/2005
January 2005	002	Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc	40.2	44.	1/4/2005
January 2005	002	Total Suspended Solids	1D Qty	2.78	4.1212	1/4/2005
January 2005	002	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	1.03	1/4/2005
April 2005	002	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	26.8	35.	4/1/2005
April 2005	002	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	1.86	2.08688	4/1/2005
June 2005	002	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Qty	0.07	.12748	6/21/2005
December 2005	002	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	26.8	46.5	12/1/2005
December 2005	002	Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc	40.2	55.	12/20/2005
September 2006	002	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	2.0	5.45	9/1/2006
September 2006	002	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	0.14	.29179	9/1/2006

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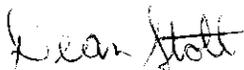
Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
September 2006	002	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	1D Conc	3.0	10.9	9/20/2006
September 2006	002	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	1D Qty	0.21	.58357	9/20/2006
September 2006	002	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Qty	0.07	.48185	9/20/2006
October 2006	002	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Qty	0.07	.49811	10/4/2006
December 2006	002	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Qty	0.07	.35688	12/6/2006
February 2007	002	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Qty	0.07	.10807	2/21/2007
March 2007	002	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Conc	10	13.3	3/7/2007
March 2007	002	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Qty	0.07	.77061	3/7/2007
October 2007	002	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.75	10/16/2007

The renewal NPDES permit for this facility will be public noticed in the near future. You will have 30 days from the date of public notice to submit written comments to Ohio EPA regarding the draft permit.

As discussed with Mr. Guggisberg during the inspection, the renewal permit will only have one final effluent outfall station, as land application of treated wastewater is no longer necessary. Also, according to Mr. Guggisberg, there are no cooling water discharges at this site.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact this office at (330) 963-1197.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Dan Martin, AGO  
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