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April 14, 2008

RE: INN MAID NOODLES
7445 CR 68
NPDES 3IH00075

Mr. Daniel A. Murphy, Plant Manager
Inn Maid
P.O. Box 27
7445 CR 68
Millersburg, OH 44654

Dear Mr. Murphy:

On April 10, 2008, this office conducted a compliance evaluation inspection (CEI) of your facility. Present during the inspection were this writer, Dan Murphy, Plant Manager, Inn Maid Noodles, and Rod Shepler, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

The facility currently has 13 employees and produces up to 23,000 pounds of product per day. Between 400 and 700 gallons of wastewater are generated each day from the cleaning of the process equipment. Non-contact cooling water is generated from cooling the barrel of the extruder. No chemicals are added to the cooling water.

At the time of the inspection, the wastewater treatment plant was producing what appeared to be a satisfactory quality effluent. The aeration tank is being operated on a timer. The mixed liquor in the aeration tank had a very good color and the clarifier effluent was clear. The surface sand filter beds were in very good condition and the contents of the disinfection tank were clear. Overall, the plant was in very good operation and maintenance condition.

Sodium bisulfite is added to the process water prior to it being discharged to the wastewater treatment plant. This takes place in a plastic tank located adjacent to the production facilities. Mr. Murphy stated that they do not measure the chlorine level in the tank before they discharge this tank to the wastewater treatment plant.

Approximately two weeks prior to the inspection, a cleaner was spilled inside the manufacturing facility. The cleaner, which contained chlorine, mixed with egg waste and caused excessive foaming in the aeration tank. This foam exited the top of the aeration tank and was deposited on the ground surface around the tank.

Mr. Shepler calibrates the flow meter annually. A contract laboratory is used to analyze the wastewater treatment plant effluent. Sludge from this facility is hauled to the Village of Millersburg WWTP.

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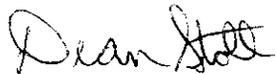
A review of your self-monitoring reports covering the period August 2003 through February 2008, revealed the following effluent violations:

Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
December 2003	002	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	1449.	12/1/2003
December 2003	002	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	.09	6.44425	12/1/2003
December 2003	002	Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc	18	1449.	12/8/2003
December 2003	002	Total Suspended Solids	1D Qty	.14	6.44425	12/8/2003
June 2004	002	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	16.	6/1/2004
June 2004	002	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	15	48.	6/8/2004
January 2006	001	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.4	1/24/2006
February 2008	002	CBOD 5 day	30D Qty	0.08	9901.56	2/1/2008
February 2008	002	CBOD 5 day	7D Qty	0.11	9901.56	2/8/2008

It was noted during the inspection that the effluent line for the cooling water (outfall 3IH00075001) had an excessive amount of flow. Because this line runs adjacent to the stream, we have concerns that the cooling water may be getting diluted. If any other water is being introduced into this line, it will be necessary for you to conduct this sampling at another location.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Cheryl Shields, ATS

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