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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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Re: Crawford County  
Linlare Village WWTP  
NPDES Permit

March 5, 2008

Mr. Cecil Newcome  
Crawford County Engineer  
815 Whetstone Street  
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

Dear Mr. Newcome:

On August 1, 2007, and January 23, 2008, inspections were made of the wastewater treatment facilities serving Linlare Village located at 3225 Parcher Road, Bucyrus, Crawford County. Our observations were noted as follows.

**August 1, 2007, Inspection**

1. The first aeration tanks appeared to be light in color and not receiving an adequate amount of air. The second and third aeration tanks were a healthy brown color and sufficient air was being provided to the tanks.
2. The sludge return and skimmer were both in operation, but both were light in color.
3. The clarifiers didn't have any locks on their grates. Locks should be placed on these grates as soon as possible.
4. The southern sand filter had some weeds growing on it but the northern sand filter looked good.
5. Tablets were observed in both the chlorination and dechlorination tube feeders.

**January 23, 2008, Inspection**

1. The color in the aeration tanks was a healthy brown color and sufficient air was being provided to the tanks.
2. The southern sand filter was in very poor condition. Partially treated wastewater was ponded in the sand filter and had frozen.

Water was overflowing the top of the sand filter and was seeping from a bolt on the east side onto the ground. Pictures of these issues are attached to this letter.

3. The northern sand filter, which is under cover, was not being used.

**Please submit a letter to this office in 30 days detailing what actions are being taken to resolve this issue and prevent it from occurring in the future.**

A review of your monthly operating reports from September 1, 2006, through January 1, 2008, indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of non compliance are below.

Violation Date	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value
3/1/2007	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	13.
7/1/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	30D Conc	2.0	7.05
7/8/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Conc	3.0	7.05

If you have any questions, please contact me at 419-373-3019.

Sincerely,



Michelle Sharp  
Division of Surface Water

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The southern sand filter completely full of partially treated wastewater, frozen and overflowing.



Linlare Village WWTP Southern  
Sand Filter 1-23-2008

Bolts that were leaking water onto the ground.



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Standing by the WWTP looking towards the sand filters. Water from the sand filter flowing across the ground.



Linlare Village WWTP Southern  
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Standing at the sand filters and looking back at the WWTP. Water from sand filter flowing on the ground.



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