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RE: *Notice of Violation*
Crawford County
Swiss Village Motel and MHP

September 12, 2008

Mr. Phil Paluga
Swiss Village Motel and MHP
7905 Anker Drive
Galion, Ohio 44833

Dear Mr. Paluga,

On May 28, 2008, an inspection was made of the wastewater treatment facilities serving the Swiss Village Motel and MHP, located at 7727 State Route 309, Galion, Crawford County. At the time of the inspection several concerns were noted as follows:

1. The plant was not operating.
2. The water in the aeration tanks was orange in color and there was a smell of gasoline in the vicinity of the plant.
3. There was algae in the clarifiers.
4. The sand filters were covered in plant growth.
5. There was no disinfection being utilized. Disinfection is required by your permit from May 1 thru October 31.

A review of our records has shown that we have not received your discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) for the months of January 2006 through June 2008. You have not responded to our previous requests to immediately submit your DMRs. Failure to submit these reports *constitutes a violation* of your NPDES permit.

We have received a report from the Galion City Health Department that on June 24, 2008 there was someone living in motel unit 21. We were of the understanding that none of the facilities were currently being utilized. **If the plant is receiving flow it needs to be turned on immediately.**

Our March 6, 2007 inspection letter stated that you have two options regarding your NPDES permit and asked that you respond within 14 days of receipt of that letter. A

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meeting with you on June 6, 2007 indicated that you intended to re-open the facilities, starting with the restaurant; therefore, needing the wastewater treatment facilities to be properly operated and maintained. Our rules require that you have a licensed operator to run your plant.

Again we make the following requests:

- Immediately submit all monthly operating reports dating back to January 2006,
- Obtain a licensed operator to start the proper operation and maintenance of your plant, and
- Respond in writing to our office within 14 days of receipt of this letter as to your intentions regarding the operation of the mobile home park, restaurant, and motel. If your intention is to continue operating this plant also submit the Operator of Record form that is included with this letter.

Regardless of your responses to the above requests, we will be referring you for enforcement action due to continual violations of your NPDES permit, unresponsiveness, and gross negligence of your treatment plant.

Please contact me at 419-373-3019, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michelle Sharp
Michelle Sharp
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water

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Pc: Crawford County Health Department
Stephanie Zmuda, Galion City Health Department

~~NWDO-DSW File~~

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INSPECTION
WWTP'S LESS THAN 25,000 GPD

NPDES Permit No. 2PR00099

Facility Name Swiss Village Motel & MHP Expiration Date 12-31-2010

Facility Address 7727 State Route 309 Date 5-28-08 Time 11:30 am / pm

City Galion County Crawford Township _____

Name and Address of Owner Mr Jeff Paluga 7727 State Route 309 Galion OH

Person Contacted _____ Owner Phone 419-468-2828

Flow: Design 8,000 GPD Present _____ GPD (metered - estimated)

Trib. Pop. 0 (actual - estimated) Weather at time of inspection: Temp _____ °

OEPA Personnel Michelle Sharp District NWDO

1. Plant Effluent - Mark Severity No.

No.	Severity Description	No.	Turbidity	No.	Odor	No.	Color
0	None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear		None		Colorless
1	Mild			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	Moderate		Light Solids		Musty		Grey
3	Serious						
4	Extreme		Heavy Solids		Septic		Black

2. Effect of effluent on Receiving Stream Name: Not Observed

No.	Severity Description	No.	Turbidity	No.	Odor	No.	Color
0	None		Clear		None		Colorless
1	Mild						
2	Moderate		Light Solids		Musty		Grey
3	Serious						
4	Extreme		Heavy Solids		Septic		Black

3. a. Plant has _____ excellent _____ good _____ fair poor operation
 b. Plant has _____ excellent _____ good _____ fair poor maintenance
 c. Sand filters have _____ excellent _____ good _____ fair poor maintenance

d. Not operating at expected efficiency due to:

- (1) _____ hydraulic overload
 (2) _____ organic/ solids overload
 (3) _____ personnel inefficiency
 (4) _____ equipment failure
 (5) _____ wastes
 (6) _____

Disinfection: (Required May 1 thru Oct.31.)		
IN	OUT	
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chlorination Tablets
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dechlorination Tablets
_____	_____	U.V.

Yes No

4. Compliance with NPDES Permit

Periodic Violations Y N Parameters: _____

Chronic Violations _____

5. Adequate plant safety

6. _____ Operation and Maintenance Service Name _____

Frequency of Visits _____

Facility Name: _____

Process	# Units	Unit	If Needed - Description and Comments
Preliminary	X	Trash Trap	Pumping Frequency:
		Grease Trap	Pumping Frequency:
		Bar Screen	
		Comminutor	
		Flow Equalization	
Aeration Equipment		Plant Timer ___ Y ___ N Motor/ Blower Unit	Cycle Time:
Secondary Treatment	X	Aeration Tank	Color: Orange, Smell of Gasoline Adequate Aeration: Y ___ N ___
Final Settling	X	Clarifier	
	X	Sludge Return	In Out X
	X	Surface Skimmer	In Out X
		Fixed Media Clarifier	
Tertiary Treatment	X	Surface Sand Filter	Lots of Growth
		Polishing Pond	
		Other	
Disinfection	X	Contact Tank	
	X	Chlorine Tube Feeder	No tablets
	X	Dechlorination Tube Feeder	No tablets
		Ultraviolet (UV)	
Flow Metering		Elapsed Pump Time	
		Recorder. (continuous total)	
Pumps		Raw Wastewater. (type)	
		Sand Filter Effluent Dosing	
Sludge Handling		Aerated Storage Tank	
		Sludge Drying Bed	
Sludge Disposal		Municipal POTW	
		Landfill	
		Land Application	
Advanced Treatment		Post Aeration	
		Spray Irrigation	
		Other	