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

June 30, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Paluga,

On June 2, 2009, 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. Water was standing around the plant. The water appeared to have sewage in it
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 May 2009. 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.

If there is no flow to the treatment plant, the tanks should be pumped clean and maintained in a manner that does not promote nuisance animals and pests; however, if there is flow to the treatment plant, which is indicated by the sewage around the treatment system, **the system must be turned on immediately**. A 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.

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Again we make the following requests:

- Immediately submit all discharge monitoring 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
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water

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