



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

March 23, 2011

RE: MEDINA COUNTY
LITCHFIELD TOWNSHIP
MEDINA MEATS
(9706 CROW ROAD)
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Al Nimer, Owner
Medina Meats
9706 Crow Road
Litchfield, OH 44253

Dear Mr. Nimer:

On March 22, 2011, a compliance inspection was conducted on the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) serving Medina Meats, located at 9706 Crow Road, Litchfield Township, Medina County. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the WWTP's operation and maintenance condition, and compliance with your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge.

The inspection was also in response to several odor and water pollution complaints received by the Ohio EPA from area residents and the Township.

At the time of the March 22nd inspection, the following observations were made:

- 1) The trash trap had a large buildup of grease and solids behind the baffle, and was in need of pumping.
- 2) The aeration tank was being aerated, and contents of the aeration tank were medium brown in color. There was greasy foam along the edges and in the corners of the aeration tank, and the entire area was very odorous. The return sludge and skimmer lines did not appear to be operating.
- 3) The settling tank contents were completely obscured by a thick mat of floating scum / grease on the surface, and the effluent trough contained solids and was in need of cleaning. (See Attachment A, Photo 1).
- 4) The south cell of the surface sand filter was in use, and was flooded and overflowing with dark odorous water. The surface of the ponded water contained floating scum / grease. (See Attachment A, Photos 2 and 3). The north filter cell was not being used and was clean.

- 5) Contents of the chlorination / dechlorination tank contained dark odorous water, which was covered with a thick scum / grease mat. The tablet disinfection unit was also full of solids (See Attachment A, Photo 4).

It is noted that both this office, and the Medina County Health Department, have in the past received odor and sewage-related complaints pertaining to the sewage system serving the property. Reconnaissance inspections of the sewage system and receiving stream over the past several years have verified the odors and visual impact upon the receiving stream caused by the inadequately treated wastewater being discharged from the system.

On December 1, 2006, an NPDES Permit to discharge (NPDES Permit No. 3IH00110*AD) was issued to Medina Meats. The NPDES Permit establishes specific concentration and loading limits for various parameters in the wastewater effluent being discharged from the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).

The NPDES permit requires the WWTP be operated by a licensed Class I Wastewater Operator, the WWTP effluent be sampled for various pollutants, and the sample results reported to the Ohio EPA via the electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) system. Sample collection frequencies range from daily to semi-annually, depending upon the parameter to be tested.

A Surface Water Information Management System (SWIMS) computer search for the WWTP operating data, which was to have been submitted for the Medina Meats facility, has been conducted. The eDMR data search covered the period of December 1, 2006 through March 1, 2011. Results of the search (listed below) found no such data has ever been submitted to the Ohio EPA for the Medina Meats WWTP:

FACILITY	NPDES PERMIT NO.	REQUIRED REPORTING PERIOD	STATION	NONCOMPLIANCE LETTER SENT
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Dec-2006	001	2/20/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Dec-2006	588	2/20/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jan-2007	001	3/14/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Feb-2007	001	4/11/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Mar-2007	001	5/7/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Apr-2007	001	6/6/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-May-2007	001	7/11/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jun-2007	001	8/9/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jul-2007	001	9/11/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Aug-2007	001	10/9/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Sep-2007	001	11/6/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Oct-2007	001	12/18/2007
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Nov-2007	001	1/17/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Dec-2007	001	2/20/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Dec-2007	588	2/20/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jan-2008	001	3/11/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Feb-2008	001	4/2/2008

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Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Apr-2008	001	6/4/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-May-2008	001	7/9/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jun-2008	001	8/4/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jul-2008	001	9/3/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Aug-2008	001	10/8/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Sep-2008	001	11/5/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Oct-2008	001	12/8/2008
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Nov-2008	001	1/6/2009
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Dec-2008	001	2/3/2009
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Dec-2008	588	2/3/2009
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jan-2009	001	2/27/2009
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Feb-2009	001	3/31/2009
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Mar-2009	001	5/8/2009
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Apr-2009	001	6/9/2009
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-May-2009	001	7/9/2009
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jun-2009	001	-
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jul-2009	001	-
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Nov-2009	001	1/6/2010
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Dec-2009	001	2/3/2010
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Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jul-2010	001	-
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Aug-2010	001	10/13/2010
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Sep-2010	001	-
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Oct-2010	001	12/6/2010
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Nov-2009	001	1/14/2011
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Dec-2009	001	2/8/2011
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Dec-2010	588	2/8/2011
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Jan-2011	001	3/15/2011

Please be advised that non-reporting of required parameters is a violation of the NPDES Permit terms and conditions, and is subject to legal enforcement action.

The eDMR data search covering the period of December 1, 2006 through March 1, 2011, did find MOR data was submitted for the Medina Meats WWTP for the months of August, September, and October 2009. Results of the search found the following numeric effluent violations:

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NPDES PERMIT NO. 3IH00110
Numeric Effluent Violations
(Dec. 1, 2006 through Mar. 1, 2011)

Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
August 2009	001	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	15.	8/1/2009
September 2009	001	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	12.	9/1/2009
September 2009	001	CBOD 5 day	30D Qty	0.109	0.11173	9/1/2009

In an attempt to resolve the NPDES noncompliance issues, and in an effort to get the WWTP back into proper operating condition and discharging an acceptable effluent, this office is requesting a meeting with you to discuss these matters. **Please contact this office within 7 days of the receipt of this letter, so that a date and time can be scheduled for such a meeting at this office.**

Failure to respond to this correspondence may also be cause to initiate enforcement action by this Agency.

If there are questions or comments regarding the contents of this letter, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



Charles E. Allen
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

CEA/mt

Attachment A

pc: Rich Blasick, DSW Unit Manager, Ohio EPA, NEDO, DSW

File: SP/Medina/LitchfieldTwp/MedinaMeats

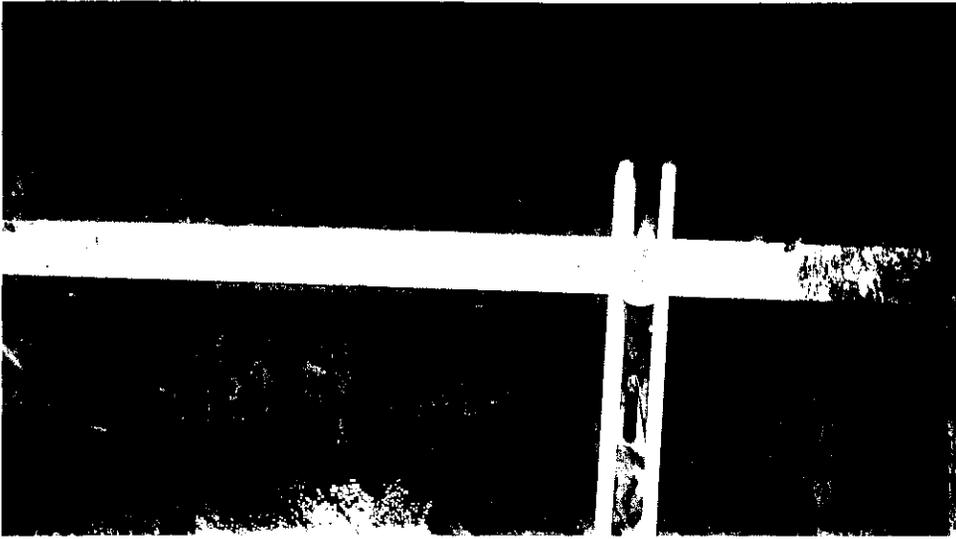


Photo 1 (Settle Tank)

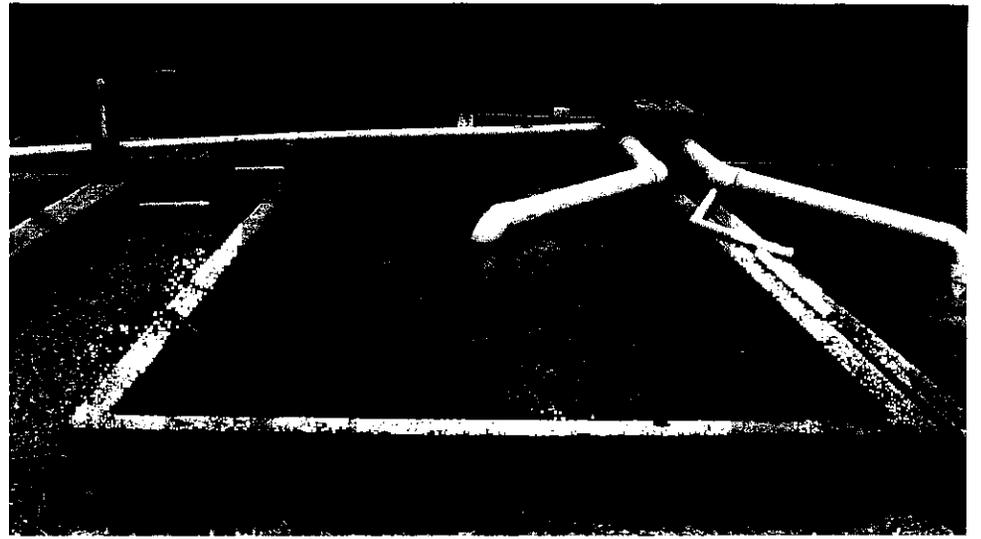


Photo 2 (Flooded Sand Filter)

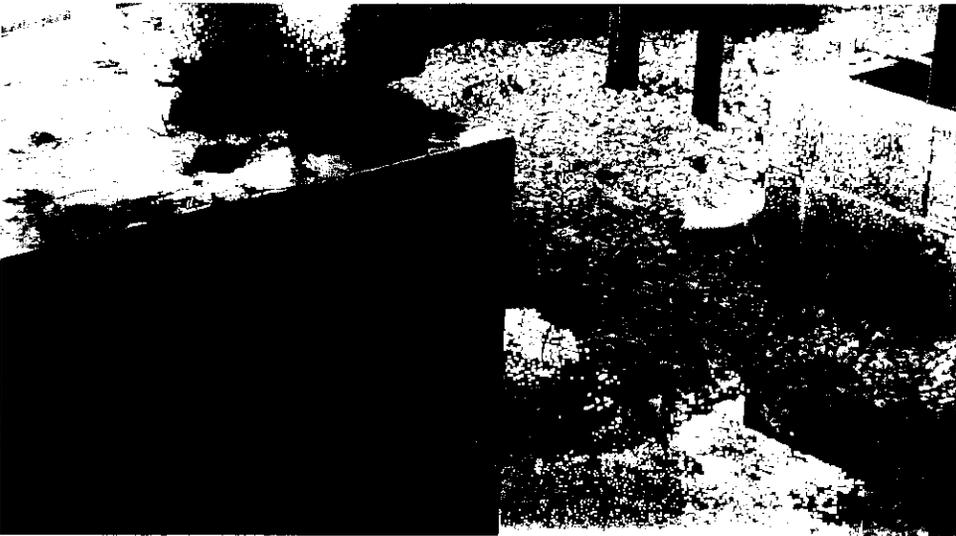


Photo 3 (Overflowing Sand Filters)



Photo 4 (Chlorine Tank Full of Solids)

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