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October 31, 2008

RE: MEDINA COUNTY
LITCHFIELD TOWNSHIP
MEDINA MEATS
(9706 CROW ROAD)
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3IH00110

CERTIFIED MAIL

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

Dear Mr. Nimer:

On October 2, 2008, an inspection was conducted on the sewage system serving Medina Meats located at 9706 Crow Road in Litchfield Township. The inspection was prompted in response to a recent odor and water pollution complaint received by this Agency.

The October 1st inspection found the sewage treatment system being aerated, but discharging gray, turbid water. There was a slight odor of septage in the vicinity of the sewage system, and the receiving stream contained visible evidence of solids deposition and nutrient enrichment, immediately downstream of the sewage system outfall.

After the inspection a brief discussion was held with you at the site. During the discussion you indicated that installation of the new upgraded sewage system had been delayed while waiting for the necessary plumbing and building permits for the new building expansion. The permits were issued (after a significant delay) and you will soon be installing the new sewage treatment system for which Ohio EPA has issued a permit-to-install (# 558984).

It is noted the existing sewage system consists of a 500 gallon trash trap, followed by a 1500 gpd extended aeration package plant, with direct discharge to the receiving stream. The sewage system contains no tertiary sand filters or effluent disinfection facilities, and appears to be organically, if not hydraulically, overloaded.

The new sewage treatment system is to consist of the following:

- 1500 Gallon Grease Trap;
- 500 Gallon Trash Trap;
- 7300 gpd Extended Aeration (56 hour detention time);
- 1500 Gallon Aerated Sludge Holding Tank (convert old extended aeration);

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- 500 Gallon Dosing Station (255 gal. effective dose) with Dual Submersible Pumps (ea. 60 gpm @ 10' TDH);
- 272 Ft² Surface Sand Filter; and
- 600 Gallon Contact Tank with Chlorination / Dechlorination Facilities.

On December 1, 2006, an NPDES Permit to discharge (No. 3IH00110*AD) was issued to Medina Meats. The permit establishes specific concentration and loading limits for various parameters in the wastewater effluent being discharged from the sewage plant serving the Medina Meats property. The NPDES permit also requires the effluent be sampled for these various pollutants on frequencies ranging from daily to semi-annually, depending upon the parameter, and the results reported in a monthly report to Ohio EPA.

A Surface Water Information Management System (SWIMS) computer search for the operating data which was to have been submitted for the Medina Meats sewage treatment plant was conducted. The data search covered the period of December 1, 2006 through October 1, 2008. Results of the search found no such data was ever submitted to Ohio EPA for the Medina Meats WWTP. **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.**

In an effort to improve the quality of the effluent water being discharged from the Medina Meats facility, as well as abate the continuing pollution complaints, this office is requesting written correspondence from you. The correspondence should inform this office as to the reasons why the required monitoring and reporting are not being conducted, and also include an installation schedule for the sewage system upgrade.

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

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cc: Steve Mazak, Medina County Health Department

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