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July 16, 2009

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 June 16, 2009, 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.

At the time of the 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, but the contents of the aeration tank were almost black, greasy, covered with a dark gray foam, and very odorous. The return sludge line was returning a dark gray water, and the skimmer line was operating.
- 3) The settling tank contents were dark gray and turbid, there was floating scum / grease on the surface of the settling tank contents; and the effluent trough contained solids and was in need of cleaning.
- 4) Both the Number 1 and Number 2 pumps in the pump station were in the 'AUTO' mode, and when manually tested did operate.
- 5) The south cell of the surface sand filter was in use, and was ponded with dark odorous water. The north filter cell was not being used and was clean.
- 6) The chlorination / dechlorination tank tubes needed tablets, and the contact tank was full of dark odorous water.

On July 6, 2009, the Emergency Response Section received a telephone complaint of a large black discharge entering the creek from the Medina Meats WWTP. A follow up investigation of the creek was conducted by Mr. Kurt Kollar, of this office.

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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 year, 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 July 15, 2009. Results of the search (listed below) found no such data was ever 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
Medina Meats	3IH00110*AD	01-Mar-2008	001	5/1/2008
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

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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

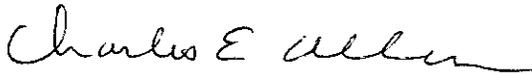
Please be advised that non-reporting of required parameters is a violation of the NPDES Permit terms and conditions, and is subject to legal enforcement action.

Please inform this office in writing, within 7 days of the receipt of this correspondence, as to the reasons why the required monitoring and reporting are not being conducted. Also, please indicate the name of the required Class I Licensed operator responsible for the WWTP operation and maintenance, and the reason why the newly upgraded sewage system is not being operated properly.

Failure to respond to either of these requirements in a timely manner 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

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