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January 8, 2009

RE: OHIO AMERICAN WATER COMPANY
PERMIT NO. 3IV00010
ASHTABULA COUNTY

Mr. Larry Colby, Operations Supervisor
1330 West First Street
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Dear Mr. Colby:

On December 10, 2008, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. The facility was represented by Ms. Rose Hunyady, Lab Technician. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the treatment system along with the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the above referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

During the inspection, the following items were noted:

1. The facility will be undergoing a 26 million dollar renovation/upgrade in the near future.
2. Alum, polymer, chlorine, and fluoride are added to the raw water. After treatment, the backwash water is discharged to the sludge lagoon. Two separate lines exist which discharge to the sludge lagoon.
3. The discharge volume is calculated/estimated by the number of filter washes.
4. The discharge from the sludge lagoon to Lake Erie was clear in color. No visual impact was observed.
5. The lab analysis of pH and total suspended solids is conducted on site. Trihalomethane is analyzed at the facility's Bellville lab in Illinois.
6. Sludge was removed from the lagoon in April 2008.
7. The sludge is hauled to Pennsylvania and land applied.
8. The Sigma 900 automatic sampler unit has been retrofitted with a heating unit.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period May 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

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LIMIT VIOLATIONS

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1D Qty	28.00	30.2043	4/22/2008

No frequency violations were noted.

Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (330) 963-1143.

Respectfully,



Michael W. Stevens
Environmental Engineer
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