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RE: ASHTABULA COUNTY
AUSTINBURG TOWNSHIP
PILOT TRAVEL CENTER # 002
(2246 STATE ROUTE 45)
(NPDES NO. 3IG00089)

Pilot Travel Centers LLC
Attn: Gary Douglas
Divisional Facilities Mgr.
5508 Lonas Road
Knoxville, TN 37909

Dear Mr. Douglas:

On November 12, 2009, a compliance evaluation inspection was conducted on the wastewater treatment works serving the Pilot Travel Center # 002, located at 2246 State Route 45, Austinburg Township, Ashtabula County. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's operation and maintenance condition, and compliance with the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge.

The site is a travel center/fast food restaurant/auto and truck fueling facility for petroleum products. Bulk storage tanks are located underground, from which fuel can be dispensed to commercial and private vehicles. The travel center is permitted to discharge treated storm water from the outfall of a detention pond to Coffee Creek.

Water consisting of rainwater which may have incidental contact with oil products on paved areas around fuel loading, unloading, and dispensing areas, is collected in trench drains, and routed through an oil-water separator (OWS). From the oil-water separator, the water flows into an Environmental Control Pond (ECP). Storm water from truck and auto parking, and other areas on the site, discharges directly into the ECP (detention pond).

At the time of the November 12 inspection, the ECP contained cattails and other vegetative growth throughout, with a ponding of turbid water in the center. The water level in the pond appeared to be well below the high-level overflow outlet structure, and the sides of the pond embankment and overflow structure exhibited no visible evidence of an oily ring from recent ponding.

A review of the compliance history for this facility, for the period of September 1, 2007 through November 1, 2009, was conducted utilizing data submitted via the electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (eDMR). The SWIMS data management tracking system found there were no numerical effluent limits violations (based upon the data submitted to the Ohio EPA).

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Based upon eDMR data submitted to the Ohio EPA in SWIMS for the same period, there were some apparent violations of code and/or reporting frequencies for the following parameters. It is requested that a review of these apparent frequency/reporting code violations be conducted, and a follow-up be made:

Pilot Travel Center # 002

NPDES Permit No. 31G00089

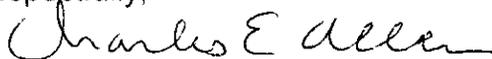
(Sept. 1, 2007 – Nov. 1, 2009)

Station	Parameter	Units	Date	Reported Value	A Code	Comments
1	Flow Rate	GPD	6/1/2008		AL	
1	Flow Rate	GPD	8/1/2008		AL	
1	Flow Rate	GPD	9/1/2008		AL	
1	Flow Rate	GPD	12/1/2008		AL	
1	Flow Rate	GPD	1/1/2009		AL	
1	Flow Rate	GPD	2/1/2009		AL	
1	Flow Rate	GPD	9/1/2009		AL	
1	pH	S.U.	8/11/2009		AC	
1	Oil & Grease, Total	mg/l	12/19/2007		AA	5.
1	Oil & Grease, Total	mg/l	3/11/2008		AA	1.0
1	Oil & Grease, Total	mg/l	3/2/2009		AA	5.0
1	Oil & Grease, Total	mg/l	6/2/2009		AA	5.0
1	Oil & Grease, Total	mg/l	8/11/2009		AC	

Any effluent and reporting frequency/code violations should be communicated to the manager of the Pilot # 002 facility, such that the causes of the violations can be investigated and corrected. Please contact this office in writing, within 14 days of the receipt of this correspondence, indicating the reason(s) for the reporting frequency/code violations, and what actions will be taken to prevent further occurrences.

If there are further questions regarding this letter, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



Charles E. Allen
Environmental Engineer
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