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December 22, 2008

RE: ASHTABULA COUNTY
PRAXAIR INC.
PERMIT 3IN00152
SITE INSPECTION

Mr. George Primbas, Plant Manager
Praxair Inc.
3102 Lake Road East
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Dear Mr. Primbas:

On November 5, 2008, an inspection of the above facility located in Ashtabula County, Ohio was performed by the undersigned. The purpose of the inspection was to verify the compliance of the facility with their NPDES permit.

No issues were noted at the facility during the inspection. However, the facility has had the following violations for the period of December 1, 2006, through November 1, 2008:

Limit Violations

Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
February 2008	001	pH	1D Conc	6.5	5.1	2/28/2008
April 2008	002	pH	1D Conc	9.0	13.	4/17/2008
April 2008	002	pH	1D Conc	9.0	11.9	4/24/2008
May 2008	002	pH	1D Conc	9.0	15.	5/15/2008
May 2008	002	pH	1D Conc	9.0	16.9	5/22/2008
May 2008	002	pH	1D Conc	9.0	20.5	5/29/2008
August 2008	002	pH	1D Conc	9.0	30.	8/14/2008
August 2008	002	pH	1D Conc	9.0	28.6	8/21/2008
August 2008	002	pH	1D Conc	9.0	24.4	8/28/2008

Frequency Violations

Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported	Violation Date
December 2006	001	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	12/01/2006
December 2006	001	pH	1/Week	1	0	12/01/2006
December 2006	001	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	12/08/2006
December 2006	001	pH	1/Week	1	0	12/08/2006
December 2006	001	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	12/15/2006
December 2006	001	pH	1/Week	1	0	12/15/2006
December 2006	001	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	12/22/2006
December 2006	001	pH	1/Week	1	0	12/22/2006
January 2007	001	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	01/01/2007
January 2007	001	pH	1/Week	1	0	01/01/2007
January 2007	001	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	01/08/2007

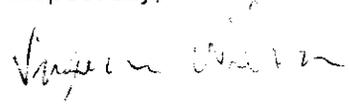
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Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported	Violation Date
January 2007	001	pH	1/Week	1	0	01/08/2007
March 2008	001	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	03/01/2008
March 2008	001	pH	1/Week	1	0	03/01/2008
March 2008	001	Flow Rate	1/Day	1	0	03/06/2008
October 2008	001	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	10/22/2008
October 2008	001	pH	1/Week	1	0	10/22/2008
December 2006	002	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	12/01/2006
December 2006	002	pH	1/Week	1	0	12/01/2006
December 2006	002	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	12/08/2006
December 2006	002	pH	1/Week	1	0	12/08/2006
December 2006	002	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	12/15/2006
December 2006	002	pH	1/Week	1	0	12/15/2006
December 2006	002	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	12/22/2006
December 2006	002	pH	1/Week	1	0	12/22/2006
January 2007	002	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	01/01/2007
January 2007	002	pH	1/Week	1	0	01/01/2007
January 2007	002	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	01/08/2007
January 2007	002	pH	1/Week	1	0	01/08/2007
March 2008	002	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	03/01/2008
March 2008	002	pH	1/Week	1	0	03/01/2008
March 2008	002	Flow Rate	1/Day	1	0	03/06/2008
October 2008	002	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	10/22/2008
October 2008	002	pH	1/Week	1	0	10/22/2008

The above limit violations are for pH. Most of the results reported cannot be accurate since pH cannot be read above 14. Therefore, please look at the submitted information above and determine what is inaccurate and resubmit the correct results into SWIMware or by hard copy to the Columbus office. Also, there are several frequency violations for the noted period. All efforts should be made to eliminate these violations in the future.

Based on the inspection findings and the overall compliance record of the facility, the facility is considered to be in substantial compliance. If there are any questions or comments regarding this notification, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



Virginia Wilson, P.E.
 Geological Engineer
 Division of Surface Water

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