



Environmental
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor
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February 3, 2011

RE: SEBRING WTP
1191 KNOX SCHOOL ROAD
NPDES PERMIT NO. 31V00182
FFY 2011 CEI

Mayor and Council
Village of Sebring
135 East Ohio Street
Sebring, OH 44672

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On January 26, 2011, this writer conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) of the Sebring WTP. The intent of the inspection was to evaluate any changes to the system in preparation for renewing the NPDES Permit. The disposal of sludge from the lagoon system was also discussed.

Observations

It appeared that no changes to the water treatment system had occurred since the previous inspection. Lagoon number 2 was being used for sludge dewatering. Lagoons 2 and 3 were off-line to permit the accumulated sludge to dry in preparation for removal. Lagoon 3 was partially cleaned of sludge. Sludge previously removed from all three lagoons is stored near a field east of the water plant.

The chemical storage area in the plant was inspected. Previous inspections of the area identified floor drains that are tributary to the septic system. The floor drain adjacent to the tanks has been temporarily plugged with what appeared to be a plumber's plug. Two other floor drains are still open for floor cleaning. It is recommended that the drains also be temporarily plugged and opened only when the floors are to be cleaned.

The septic system was replaced in 2008-09. The septic system could not be inspected because of the snow accumulation.

Treatment Plant Sludge

As stated in a June 11, 2001 letter, the treatment plant sludge is a solid waste. The village must either transport the sludge to a licensed solid waste landfill for disposal or contact the Division of Solid and Infectious Waste at the Northeast District Office to discuss alternate methods of disposal. As discussed with Mr. Bates during this inspection, current storage of the sludge is not considered proper disposal. The village will be required by the new permit to submit a plan for disposal of the sludge.

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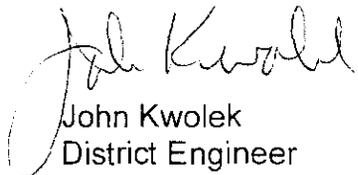
Compliance Review

The compliance record of the water treatment plant was reviewed as part of this inspection. The record of review was the Monthly Operating Reports covering January through December 2010. Following is one violation of the NPDES Permit reported by the village.

| Reporting Period | Parameter | Limit Type | Limit | Reported Value | Violation Date |
|------------------|------------------------|------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| October 2010 | Total Suspended Solids | 30D Qty | 2.2518 | 2.55639 | 10/1/2010 |

You may contact this office at (330) 963-1251 or at john.kwolek@epa.state.oh.us to discuss any questions you may have regarding this inspection report.

Respectfully,


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Division of Surface Water

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cc: James Bates, Superintendent, Sebring WTP
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Jerry Weber, Ohio EPA, DSIWM, NEDO

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