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July 23, 2008

RE: SUMMIT COUNTY
CITY OF NORTON
SHERMAN PROVISION, INC.
(3998 JOHNSON ROAD)
NPDES PERMIT # 3IH00047

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Mike O'Brodo
Sherman Provision, Inc.
3998 Johnson Rd.
Norton, OH 44203

Dear Mr. O'Brodo:

On July 15, 2008, a compliance inspection was conducted on the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) serving Sherman Provision, Inc., located at 3998 Johnson Road, City of Norton, Summit 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 septic tank (approx. 1500 gal.) contents were typical.
- 2) Both pumps in the surface sand filter dosing station were operational when tested manually. The high level alarm operated when tested.
- 3) The surface sand filters were overgrown with vegetation, and are in need of maintenance to have the vegetative growth removed. Sand in the surface sand filters may also need replacement, depending upon what is found when the vegetation is removed.
- 4) The area of wetland treatment is totally overgrown, and it could not be determined if any flow is reaching the wetland or tablet chlorination unit.
- 5) The chlorine contact tank and effluent discharge pipe could not be located due to excessive growth of vegetation.

A SWIMS computer search for the operating data for the wastewater treatment plant (submittal as required by the NPDES permit to be reported to Ohio EPA) was conducted prior to the inspection. The electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (MOR) data search covered the period of June 1, 2007, through July 1, 2008.

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Results of the search found the last monthly eDMR data submitted to Ohio EPA for the Sherman Provision WWTP was for December 2007. A file search for the property also found the current NPDES permit has an expiration date of October 31, 2007. A renewal application was submitted to Ohio EPA on April 24, 2008.

Please be advised that your NPDES permit requires the submittal of monthly eDMR reports to the Ohio EPA. The NPDES Permit also requires daily monitoring of some parameters contained within the Permit, and monthly for others. Also be advised that non-reporting of required parameters is a violation of the NPDES permit, and subjects you to possible enforcement action by this Agency.

Conditions observed at the WWTP would make it nearly impossible to properly collect the necessary samples or data needed to meet the requirements of the NPDES Permit. Please inform this office in writing, within fourteen days of the receipt of this correspondence, as to what actions have been taken to improve operation and maintenance of the WWTP. Also indicate the reason for non submittal of the required monthly eDMR reports.

If there are questions or comments regarding the contents of this letter, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



Charles E. Allen
Environmental Engineer
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