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June 16, 2008

RE: SNO TOP LLC
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3IH00106
12505 SOUTH AVENUE EXT.
FFY 2008 CEI

Mr. Dan Lucovich
Vice President of Marketing
One Moonlight Drive
Worthington, PA 16262-9730

Dear Mr. Lucovich:

On June 4, 2008, this writer conducted an inspection of the wastewater treatment system for the Sno Top mushroom canning facility. The intent of the inspection was to determine the condition of the treatment system at the time of the inspection. Representing Sno Top during the inspection was Butch Donnalley.

At the time of the inspection, the treatment system was considered satisfactory. The canning operation was not processing mushrooms. However, wastewater was being treated in the treatment system. The effluent was clear at the outfall. It appeared that all treatment processes were operational at the time of the inspection. The system appeared to be well operated and maintained.

The Monthly Operating Reports for 2008 were reviewed during the inspection. All forms were on site. It was recommended that Chain-of-Custody forms be included in the files for each sample collected. Mr. Donnalley agreed to provide all sampling information in the files.

A review of the monthly operating reports was made during this inspection. The period of review was April 2007 through May 2008. Following are the limit violations of the NPDES Permit identified at Outfall 001 during the review period.

Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Units	Violation Date
Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc.	10	38.5	mg/l	4/1/2007
CBOD 5 day	30D Conc.	10	15.05	mg/l	4/1/2007
Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc.	10	42.	mg/l	4/11/2007
CBOD 5 day	1D Conc.	10	27.	mg/l	4/11/2007
Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc.	10	35.	mg/l	4/24/2007
Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc.	10	49.	mg/l	5/1/2007
Nitrogen, Ammonia	30D Conc.	1.5	24.45	mg/l	5/1/2007
Nitrogen, Ammonia	30D Qty	0.11	.2045	mg/l	5/1/2007
Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc.	10	86.	mg/l	5/11/2007
Total Suspended Solids	1D Qty	0.76	.97653	mg/l	5/11/2007
Nitrogen, Ammonia	1D Conc.	2.25	30.5	mg/l	5/11/2007
Nitrogen, Ammonia	1D Qty	0.170	.34633	mg/l	5/11/2007

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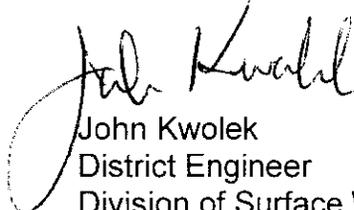
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Units	Violation Date
pH	1D Conc.	6.5	6.2	S.U.	5/11/2007
Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc.	10	12.	mg/l	5/25/2007
Nitrogen, Ammonia	1D Conc.	2.25	18.4	mg/l	5/25/2007
Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc.	10	32.5	mg/l	6/1/2007
Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc.	10	58.	mg/l	6/7/2007
pH	1D Conc.	6.5	6.1	S.U.	6/7/2007
pH	1D Conc.	6.5	6.4	S.U.	6/8/2007
pH	1D Conc.	6.5	6.3	S.U.	6/10/2007
pH	1D Conc.	6.5	6.4	S.U.	6/11/2007
pH	1D Conc.	6.5	6.4	S.U.	8/23/2007
pH	1D Conc.	6.5	6.26	S.U.	11/21/2007
pH	1D Conc.	6.5	6.18	S.U.	4/17/2008

It appears that the quality of the effluent from the treatment plant has improved since June 2007. The number of violations has decreased dramatically since that time. As a result, Sno Top LLC is no longer in significant noncompliance with the NPDES Permit.

You will note that most recently, all violations have been associated with pH. Sno Top LLC should consider the installation of a pH adjustment system to eliminate the pH violations that periodically occur. For compliance purposes, the pH adjustment system can be installed either at the beginning or end of treatment. However, in the event the pH of wastewater is low entering the treatment system, installation of a pH adjust system at the beginning of treatment may help the nitrification process by adding alkalinity to the wastewater.

You may contact this writer at (330) 963-1251 to discuss any questions you may have regarding this inspection letter.

Respectfully,



John Kwolek
District Engineer
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cc: Butch Donnalley, Leetonia POTW

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