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RE: TRAVELCENTERS OF AMERICA
SITE NO. 058
5400 SEVENTY-SIX DRIVE
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3IN00333*AD

Mr. Dave Plummer
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TravelCenters of America
24601 Center Ridge Road, Suite 200
Westlake, OH 44145-5634

Dear Mr. Plummer:

On October 24, 2007, this writer conducted an unannounced inspection of the TravelCenters of America Site 058 located at 5400 Seventy-Six Drive, Youngstown, Ohio. The intent of the inspection was to evaluate the condition of the storm water pond and to evaluate the wastewater being discharged from the site during precipitation events. The area received approximately two inches of rain prior to the inspection. This writer notified Mary Ault that an inspection was being conducted.

Observations

The point of discharge from the facility is from a storm water pond located on the northwest corner of the site. Ms. Ault indicated that no changes had been made to the site since the 2006 inspection. During the 2006 inspection, four oil/water separators discharged to the storm water pond. Separator #1 is a 1,000-gallon system associated with the maintenance and repair shop. It is located on the west side of the repair shop. Separator #2 is a 2,000-gallon system associated with the fuel bays and is located on the north side of the site. Separator #3 is a 12,000-gallon system located on the south side of the site, and separator #4 is a 5,000-gallon system located on the east side of the site just east of a retaining wall. You must notify this writer in the event this description of the treatment systems is incorrect.

The surface of the storm water pond at the influent pipe had a moderate sheen of oil. The effluent was clear and appeared to have no apparent oil residue. However, there was an odor of diesel fuel at the outlet. The receiving stream had no apparent oil sheen on the surface.

The sheen on the pond was heavier in this most recent inspection compared to 2006. Because the oil sheen was moderate on the surface of the pond, it is recommended that possible sources of the sheen be investigated before the sheen creates problems at the discharge from the pond.

Compliance

A review of the monitoring record for the facility was conducted as part of this inspection. The record of review was the monthly operating reports for the period covering September 2006 through August 2007. Following is a list of violations identified over the review period.

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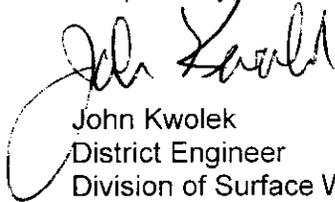
Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
March 2007	001	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Conc.	10	12.9	3/1/2007
March 2007	001	Oil and Grease, Total	30D Conc.	10	12.9	3/1/2007
April 2007	001	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Conc.	10	28.	4/12/2007
April 2007	001	Oil and Grease, Total	30D Conc.	10	28.	4/1/2007

The facility reported flows only in October 2006, February 2007, March 2007, and April 2007. In October 2006, the reported oil and grease concentration was below detection. In February 2007, the reported concentration for oil and grease was 6 mg/l. In March and April 2007, the facility reported the violations noted above. It appears that problems related to elevated oil and grease concentrations began in 2007 and became progressively worse through the year. This relates to the observation of an increased sheen in the pond compared to last year and a diesel fuel odor at the outlet during the inspection. Please provide a response indicating the actions that will be taken to ensure that no further violations occur. The response should be provided no later than November 16, 2007.

Be advised that the violations noted above constitute violations of Ohio Revised Code 6111.07 and are subject to enforcement action. TravelCenters of America must take all actions necessary to control oils and greases entering the pond and at the outlet from the pond. TravelCenters of America must take all actions necessary to consistently comply with the NPDES permit.

You may contact this office at (330) 963-1251 to discuss any questions you may have.

Respectfully,



John Kwolek
District Engineer
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cc: Ms. Mary Ault, General Manager, Travel Centers of America

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