

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Lee Fisher, Lt. Governor  
Chris Koriaski, Director

May 24, 2010

RE: STARK COUNTY  
VILLAGE OF BREWSTER  
SHEARER'S FOODS, INC.  
IDP #3DP00031

Mr. Scott Smith, President  
Shearer's Foods, Inc.  
692 North Wabash Ave.  
P.O. Box 116  
Brewster, OH 44613

Dear Mr. Smith:

A compliance evaluation inspection of the wastewater treatment system serving Shearer's Foods, Inc. was conducted by Dean Stoll and this writer on May 11, 2010. Present during the inspection for Shearer's Foods Inc. were Chad Looney and Scott Weyandt.

Process wastewater is generated by the washing and peeling of potatoes, and the cleaning of tanks. The existing pretreatment system consists of an 87,370-gallon flow equalization tank followed by two dissolved air flotation tanks and a 200,000-gallon per day sequencing batch reactor system.

The mixed liquor had a very good color and the treatment system was producing an effluent that appeared to be of satisfactory quality.

At the time of the inspection, the refrigeration unit on the continuous sampler was not working. The continuous sampler was not maintaining a temperature of 4-6°C. Chad Looney indicated that it had not been working for a number of days. He stated that he had called the manufacturer of the unit to schedule the repair work. Since the temperature of the sample could not be verified, the samples collected during this time frame cannot be considered valid. This is in violation of your NPDES permit for failure to collect samples that conform to 40 CFR 136 test procedures.

A review of your self-monitoring reports covering the period July 2009 through May 2010 revealed the following effluent violation.

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00056	Flow Rate	1D Conc	200000	248600.	8/28/2009

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Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please feel free to contact this office at (330) 963-1255.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Surrena". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Todd Surrena  
Engineering Geologist  
Division of Surface Water

TMS/mt

pc: Scott Weyandt, Shearer's Foods, Inc.  
Chad Looney, Shearer's Foods, Inc.

File: Industrial User/Shearer's Foods, Inc.