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October 15, 2008

RE: HOLMES CO. MT. HOPE WWTP
NPDES #3PG00135
2008 CEI

Mr. Chris Young, P.E., P.S.
Holmes County Sanitary Engineer
P.O. Box 90
Millersburg, OH 44654

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Mr. Young:

On October 9, 2008, this office conducted a compliance evaluation inspection (CEI) of the Holmes County Mt. Hope Village Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Present during the inspection were this writer, Chris Young, Holmes County Sanitary Engineer and Kevin Dean, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Dean's Backflow Services.

At the time of the inspection, the treatment system was producing a clear effluent that appeared to be of satisfactory quality.

The mixed liquor in the aeration tank had a very good color, indicative of a properly operating biological system. The final clarifier was producing a clear effluent. The surface sand filters were in very good condition.

One flow equalization pump was down for repair. The influent structure which precedes the trash trap contained numerous towels. The bar screen which used to be housed in this structure was missing. We recommend that you consider the installation of a comminutor to address this situation. If towels pass into your treatment system, they can plug lines and damage pumps. Until such time as a comminutor is installed, the bar screen needs to be replaced.

Mr. Dean stated that during the months of June and September 2008, a black dye was discharged into the wastewater treatment plant. The dye passed through the system to the receiving stream. In accordance with 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 403, materials that cause pass through or interference with the treatment process are not to be discharged into your collection system. It is the responsibility of the County to determine the source of such materials.

A review of your discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) covering the period June 2007 through August 2008 revealed the following effluent violations:

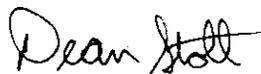
Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
February 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	1.	2/6/2008
February 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	1.3	2/8/2008

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Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
February 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.2	2/15/2008
March 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	1.35	3/17/2008
March 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.08	3/18/2008
April 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	3.98	4/1/2008
April 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	2.02	4/15/2008
June 2008	001	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	12.	6/1/2008

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact this office at (330) 963-1197.

Sincerely,



Dean W. Stoll, P.E.
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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