



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Northwest District Office

347 North Dunbridge Road
Bowling Green, OH 43402-9398

TELE: (419) 352-8461 FAX: (419) 352-8468
www.epa.state.oh.us

Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
Chris Korleski, Director

Re: Huron County
Big Lots #34
NPDES Permit #2PR00053
Sewerage

June 22, 2007

Ms. Vicky Cantor, Sr. Property Coordinator
Consolidated Stores
300 Phillipi Road
Columbus, Ohio 43228-5311

Dear Ms. Cantor:

On June 5, 2007, Tanushree Corlas and I conducted an inspection of the wastewater treatment plant serving the Big Lots Store #34 which is currently operating under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) No. 2PR00053*ED. At the time of our inspection the plant was operating, however several operation and maintenance issues were noted and need to be addressed. No samples were taken to verify compliance with permit limits. Our observations and recommendations are as follows:

1. The metal lid to the influent splitter box has completely rusted through and needs to be replaced.
2. The contents of the south aeration tank were light grey to almost clear and very dilute. The rate of aeration appeared to be adequate. The north aeration tank was offline and its contents were green as a result of algae growth.
3. The south clarifier was online and the effluent appeared clear. The effluent weir that was noted as damaged during our agency's September, 2001 inspection is still damaged and now being held in place by a piece of nylon rope. Once again we are requesting that the weir be fixed or replaced as soon as possible.
4. The travelaire system appears to be immobile and the return sludge trough was held in place by several well worn straps. **Part III, Item 3, Paragraph A. of your NPDES permit states that "at all times, the permittee shall maintain in good working order....all treatment or control facilities...installed or used by the permittee necessary to achieve compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit.**

Therefore, the travelaire system must be repaired and the temporary straps supporting the return sludge trough must be replaced with a permanent support system so that the trough does not fall into the clarifier when the straps break.

Ms. Vicky Cantor
June 22, 2007
Page Two

5. We were pleased to see the disinfection tablet feeder has been installed. However, there were no chlorine tablets in the chlorine tablet feeder. Tablets are required to be in the chlorinator and dechlorinator from May through October. In addition, the concrete portion of the tank was beginning to crack and fall apart, exposing portions of the rebar. Big Lots may want to address this so that the tank does not become a safety hazard as the concrete continues to deteriorate.

We appreciate your time and cooperation on these matters. **Within 14 days of receipt of this letter a written response outlining how the noted issues will be addressed should be sent to my attention at: Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office, 347 N. Dunbridge Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.** A copy of our inspection photos and permit violations is included for your review. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (419) 373-3003 or via email at andrew.gall@epa.state.oh.us

Sincerely,



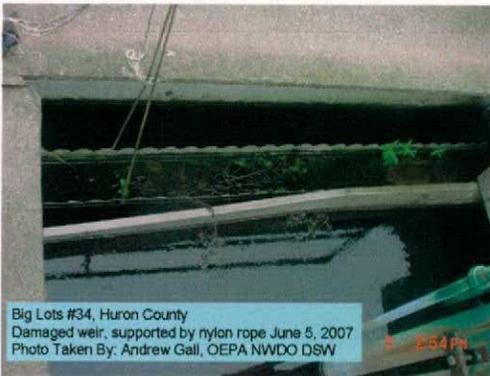
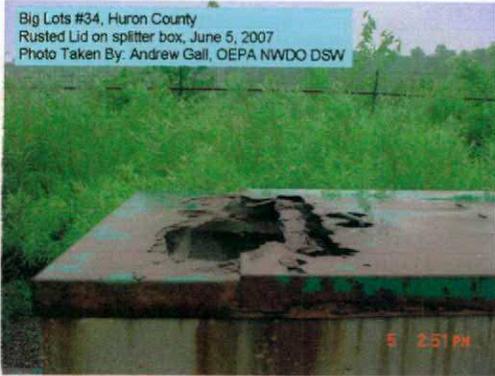
Andrew Y. Gall
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water

/lb

Enclosures

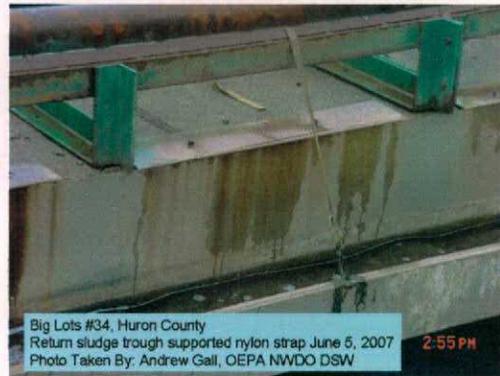
pc: Huron County Health Department
Derrick Chennault, Eastwood Environmental
~~DSW-NWDO File~~
Follow up File

Big Lots #34, Huron County
Rusted Lid on splitter box, June 5, 2007
Photo Taken By: Andrew Gall, OEPA NWDO DSW



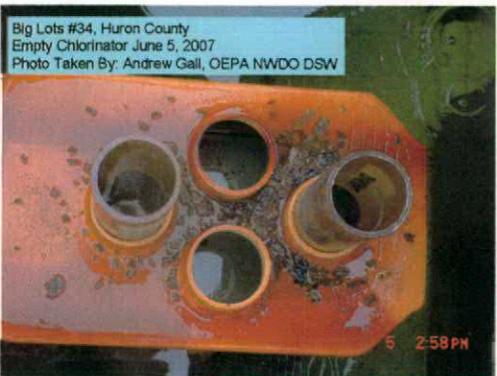
Big Lots #34, Huron County
Damaged weir, supported by nylon rope June 5, 2007
Photo Taken By: Andrew Gall, OEPA NWDO DSW

Big Lots #34, Huron County
Travelair and trough supported nylon strap June 5, 2007
Photo Taken By: Andrew Gall, OEPA NWDO DSW



Big Lots #34, Huron County
Return sludge trough supported nylon strap June 5, 2007
Photo Taken By: Andrew Gall, OEPA NWDO DSW

Big Lots #34, Huron County
Empty Chlorinator June 5, 2007
Photo Taken By: Andrew Gall, OEPA NWDO DSW



Big Lots #34, Huron County
Disinfection Tank, Rebar exposed June 5, 2007
Photo Taken By: Andrew Gall, OEPA NWDO DSW