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Re: Huron County  
Norwalk American Legion, Post 41  
NPDES Permit Correspondence

October 29, 2008

Mr. Ray Baldwin, Finance Officer  
Norwalk American Legion, Post 41  
1544 U.S. Route 20 West  
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

On October 7, 2008, I conducted an inspection of the wastewater treatment plant serving the Norwalk American Legion Post 41. At the time of my inspection the plant was operating, however no effluent was observed being discharged to the river. No samples were taken to verify compliance with permit limits. Our observations and recommendations are as follows:

1. The contents of the aeration tanks were a light grey color. The rate of aeration appeared to be adequate. The return sludge line from the clarifier was discharging clear water.
2. The clarifier had a thick layer of sludge floating near the surface. In addition there was significant sludge build up in the clarifier weir which also had significant vegetation growth.
3. The sand filters appeared to be online, however; no discharge to the filters was observed during the inspection.
4. No chlorine tablets were observed in the chlorinator. Tablets are required to be in the chlorinator from May 1 through October 31.
5. A log book was not accessible onsite in order to determine compliance with the recordkeeping requirements of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-7-09. A copy of OAC 3745-7-09 is enclosed for your review so that the necessary records can be kept and made accessible onsite for 24 hour inspection by Ohio EPA personnel. We suggest that you install a "mail box" inside the fenced in area of the plant so that the records will be safe from the weather yet available for our review.

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6. A review of the discharge monitoring reports (DMR) shows that your facility has had effluent limit violations of the Nitrogen Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), CBOD and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) parameters of your permit since our last inspection. A copy of these violations is enclosed. Our review also indicates that samples for NH<sub>3</sub>, CBOD and TSS were missed in April 2008.

Within fourteen (14) days of receiving this inspection letter, please submit a signed and dated written response indicating the cause of the missed samples and the permit limit violations and what operation improvements can/will be made to attain compliance with permit limits. If you have any questions regarding the inspection or this letter, please contact me at (419) 373-3003 or via email at [andrew.gall@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:andrew.gall@epa.state.oh.us)

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

pc: Eastwood Environmental w/enclosures  
Huron County Health Department  
DSW, NWDO File 7

Get New Data

Norwalk American Legion Post 41 - Limit Violations 12/2007 - 9/30/2008

Permit No.	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PR00183*AD	December 2007	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	3.0	14.8425	12/1/2007
2PR00183*AD	December 2007	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	4.5	9.69	12/8/2007
2PR00183*AD	December 2007	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	4.5	30.3	12/22/2007
2PR00183*AD	March 2008	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	48.	3/1/2008
2PR00183*AD	March 2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	3.0	48.55	3/1/2008
2PR00183*AD	March 2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	0.017	.01838	3/1/2008
2PR00183*AD	March 2008	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	23.	3/1/2008
2PR00183*AD	March 2008	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	18	62.	3/8/2008
2PR00183*AD	March 2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	4.5	46.2	3/8/2008
2PR00183*AD	March 2008	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	15	27.	3/8/2008
2PR00183*AD	March 2008	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	18	34.	3/22/2008
2PR00183*AD	March 2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	4.5	50.9	3/22/2008
2PR00183*AD	March 2008	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	15	19.	3/22/2008
2PR00183*BD	May 2008	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	24.	5/1/2008
2PR00183*BD	May 2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	5.41	5/1/2008
2PR00183*BD	May 2008	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc	18	24.	5/28/2008
2PR00183*BD	May 2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	1D Conc	1.5	5.41	5/28/2008
2PR00183*BD	June 2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	2.45	6/1/2008
2PR00183*BD	June 2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	1D Conc	1.5	2.45	6/11/2008

**Recordkeeping requirements and responsibilities of a certified operator.**

- (A) The owner and operator of record of a public water system, treatment works or sewerage system shall maintain or cause to be maintained operation and maintenance records for each public water system, water treatment plant within a public water system, treatment works, or wastewater treatment facility within a treatment works. Some of the formats in which the records may be maintained include, but are not limited to, hard bound books with consecutive page numbering, time cards, separate operation and maintenance records, or well organized computer logs.
- (1) The records shall be housed and maintained in such a manner as to be protected from weather damage and guarantee the authenticity and accuracy of the records contained within.
  - (2) The records shall be accessible onsite for twenty-four hour inspection by agency or emergency response personnel.
  - (3) At a minimum, the following information shall be recorded:
    - (a) Identification of the public water system, sewerage system, or treatment works;
    - (b) Date and times of arrival and departure for the operator of record and any other operator required by this chapter;
    - (c) Specific operation and maintenance activities that affect or have the potential to affect the quality or quantity of sewage or water conveyed, effluent or water produced;
    - (d) Results of tests performed and samples taken, unless documented on a laboratory sheet;
    - (e) Performance of preventative maintenance and repairs or requests for repair of the equipment that affect or have the potential to affect the quality or quantity of sewage or water conveyed, effluent or water produced; and
    - (f) Identification of the persons making entries.
  - (4) The records shall be kept up to date, contain a minimum of the previous three months of data at all times, and be maintained for at least three years.

(B) A certified operator shall:

- (1) Perform their duties in a responsible and professional manner consistent with standard operating procedures and best management practices;
- (2) Operate and maintain public water systems, sewerage systems, treatment works, and appurtenances so as not to endanger the health or safety of persons working in or around the facility, the public at large, or the environment due to negligence or incompetence; and
- (3) Report all instances of noncompliance with applicable regulations to the operator of record or facility supervisor.

(C) The duties of an operator of record shall include, but not be limited to, those outlined in paragraphs (B)(1) to (B)(3) of this rule and the following additional duties and responsibilities:

- (1) Responsible and effective on site management and supervision of the technical operation of the public water system, treatment works, or sewerage system;
  - (2) Immediately notifying the permittee or owner of a public water system, sewerage system, or treatment works, and ensuring the agency and, if applicable, the local regulatory agency, is notified of items that require notification in accordance with sections 6109. or 6111. of the Revised Code, the rules adopted thereunder, or the facility's NPDES permit; and
- (D) In the event that there are issues related to paragraphs (A) to (C) of this rule that are within the area of responsibility of, but beyond an operator of record or a certified operator's ability to address, it shall be the operator's responsibility to document any efforts to rectify the problem.

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Rule Amplifies: RC Sections 6111.46, 6109.04