



Environmental  
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Marion County  
Whetstone Golf Club  
NPDES Permit

June 29, 2011

Certified Mail 7009 1410 0001 1842 5047

Mr. Richard Smith, Owner  
Mr. Clarence Perry, Owner  
Whetstone Golf Club  
5211 Marion-Mt. Gilead Road  
Caledonia, Ohio 43314

Dear Mr. Smith and Mr. Perry:

On June 21, 2011, an operation and maintenance inspection was made of the wastewater treatment facilities serving Whetstone Golf Club. The facility is located at 5211 Marion-Mt. Gilead Road, Claridon Township, Marion County. This inspection was conducted as part of the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit No. 2PR00260\*AD.

At the time of the inspection, the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) was not in operation and appeared to be abandoned. The contents in the aeration tank were black and septic. Listed below are our observations and recommendations that you must address immediately.

- 1) Your last certified operator resigned on January 1, 2010. To date, no replacement for the operator has been hired. A licensed/certified wastewater operator must be hired. Your NPDES permit requires that your WWTP be under the supervision of a Class I state certified operator in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-04.
- 2) The conditions of the grounds at the WWTP were unsatisfactory. Weeds were overgrown inside the fence. Raw sewage appeared to be leaking out of tanks and ponded on the ground. Remove all overgrown vegetation, clean up the ground at the WWTP and fix all the leaks in the tanks.
- 3) The sludge return was not in operation and no activated sludge was returning to the aeration tank. The return must be repaired so that solids can be returned to the aeration tank.
- 4) The mixed liquor in the aeration tank was black/septic and sewage odor was detected. We recommend aerating heavily until the darker chocolate brown color appears and then aerating enough to maintain that color. A dark, more chocolate brown color is desired as it is an indicator of a healthy microbial population.

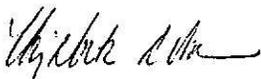
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- 5) The skimmer must be adjusted so that it just breaks the surface tension of the liquid in the final clarifier.
- 6) The weir of the final clarifier should be cleaned and leveled so that a moderate amount of liquid passes evenly over the total length of it.
- 7) Our review of your Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) indicated that no DMRs have been submitted since January of 2010. Please submit these DMRs immediately.
- 8) Your NPDES permit also required you to submit detail plans for plant improvements, complete plant improvement construction and attain compliance by September of 2010. To date, we have not received any detail plans for plant improvements. Please submit your detail plans immediately.

Please inform this office in writing within 14 days of receipt of this letter of your intentions to return this plant to compliance. Your response must include an implementation schedule with fixed dates for all necessary actions to bring your WWTP into compliance within 45 days. Please be advised that failure to comply with your NPDES permit or make satisfactory progress towards compliance will result in enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Our completed inspection report is also included for your records. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jason Ko at (419) 373-3021.

Yours truly,



Elizabeth A. Wick, P.E.  
District Engineer/Unit Supervisor  
Division of Surface Water

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*Whetstone Golf Club*  
*5211 Marion - Mt. Pleasant Rd.*  
*Caledonia, Ohio*  
*43314*

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Facility Name: Whestone Golf Course

Process	# Units	Unit	If Needed - Description and Comments
Preliminary	1	Trash Trap	Pumping Frequency:
		Grease Trap	Pumping Frequency:
		Bar Screen	
		Comminutor	
		Flow Equalization	
Aeration Equipment	1	Plant Timer ___Y___ N Motor/ Blower Unit	Cycle Time: Not in operation
Secondary Treatment	1	Aeration Tank	Color : Black & Septic Adequate Aeration: Y ___ N <u>X</u>
Final Settling	1	Clarifier	
	1	Sludge Return	In ___ Out <u>X</u>
	1	Surface Skimmer	In ___ Out <u>X</u>
		Fixed Media Clarifier	
Tertiary Treatment		Surface Sand Filter	
		Polishing Pond	
		Other	
Disinfection	OUT	Chlorine Tube Feeder	
	OUT	Dechlorination Tube Feeder	
		Ultraviolet (UV)	
Flow Metering		Elapsed Pump Time	
		Recorder (continuous total)	
Pumps		Raw Wastewater (type)	
		Sand Filter Effluent Dosing	
Sludge Handling		Aerated Storage Tank	
		Sludge Drying Bed	
Sludge Disposal		Municipal POTW	
		Landfill	
		Land Application	
Advanced Treatment		Post Aeration	
		Spray Irrigation	
		Other	