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Re: Mercer County  
Elks Club No. 2170 WWTP  
NPDES Permit

March 5, 2008

Mr. Kirk Stucke, General Manager  
Elks Club 2170  
3242 US 127  
Celina, Ohio 45822

Dear Mr. Stucke:

On February 6, 2008, an inspection was conducted of the Elks Golf Course wastewater treatment plant, located at 3242 State Route 127, Celina, Mercer County. Mr. Michael Niekamp and Mr. Gary Depweg were present and offered information about the plant and its operations.

Unfortunately at the time of inspection, the area had just experienced a significant amount of rain and the plant had been flooded out; therefore, an accurate assessment of the plant's operation was unable to be made. Another inspection will be scheduled in the future.

A review of your monthly operating reports from March 1, 2005, through January 1, 2008, shows violations of the terms and conditions of your permit. The specific instances of non-compliance are listed below.

| Violation Date | Reporting Code | Parameter               | Limit Type | Limit | Reported Value | Violation Date |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| 8/1/2005       | 00610          | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 30D Conc   | 1.0   | 6.46           | 8/1/2005       |
| 8/1/2005       | 00610          | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 30D Qty    | 0.013 | 0.02445        | 8/1/2005       |
| 8/8/2005       | 00610          | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 7D Conc    | 1.5   | 6.46           | 8/8/2005       |
| 8/8/2005       | 00610          | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 7D Qty     | 0.02  | 0.02445        | 8/8/2005       |
| 6/1/2006       | 00610          | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 30D Conc   | 1.0   | 6.77           | 6/1/2006       |
| 6/1/2006       | 00610          | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 30D Qty    | 0.013 | 0.02562        | 6/1/2006       |
| 6/22/2006      | 00610          | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 7D Conc    | 1.5   | 6.77           | 6/22/2006      |
| 6/22/2006      | 00610          | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 7D Qty     | 0.02  | 0.02562        | 6/22/2006      |

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|------------|-------|-------------------------|----------|-------|---------|------------|
| 6/27/2006  | 00400 | pH                      | 1D Conc  | 6.5   | 6.12    | 6/27/2006  |
| 10/30/2006 | 50060 | Chlorine, Total Residu  | 1D Conc  | 0.019 | 0.53    | 10/30/2006 |
| 12/1/2006  | 00610 | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 30D Conc | 3.0   | 3.52    | 12/1/2006  |
| 6/1/2007   | 00610 | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 30D Conc | 1.0   | 3.33    | 6/1/2007   |
| 6/15/2007  | 00610 | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 7D Conc  | 1.5   | 3.33    | 6/15/2007  |
| 6/20/2007  | 50060 | Chlorine, Total Residu  | 1D Conc  | 0.019 | 0.15    | 6/20/2007  |
| 6/27/2007  | 50060 | Chlorine, Total Residu  | 1D Conc  | 0.019 | 0.07    | 6/27/2007  |
| 7/25/2007  | 50060 | Chlorine, Total Residu  | 1D Conc  | 0.019 | 0.23    | 7/25/2007  |
| 7/30/2007  | 50060 | Chlorine, Total Residu  | 1D Conc  | 0.019 | 0.17    | 7/30/2007  |
| 8/1/2007   | 00610 | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 30D Conc | 1.0   | 23.2    | 8/1/2007   |
| 8/1/2007   | 00610 | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 30D Qty  | 0.013 | 0.04391 | 8/1/2007   |
| 8/1/2007   | 31616 | Fecal Coliform          | 30D Conc | 1000  | 2419.   | 8/1/2007   |
| 8/1/2007   | 80082 | CBOD 5 day              | 30D Conc | 10    | 25.62   | 8/1/2007   |
| 8/22/2007  | 00610 | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 7D Conc  | 1.5   | 23.2    | 8/22/2007  |
| 8/22/2007  | 00610 | Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) | 7D Qty   | 0.02  | 0.04391 | 8/22/2007  |
| 8/22/2007  | 31616 | Fecal Coliform          | 7D Conc  | 2000  | 2419.   | 8/22/2007  |
| 8/22/2007  | 80082 | CBOD 5 day              | 7D Conc  | 15    | 25.62   | 8/22/2007  |
| 8/22/2007  | 50060 | Chlorine, Total Residu  | 1D Conc  | 0.019 | 0.1     | 8/22/2007  |
| 8/29/2007  | 50060 | Chlorine, Total Residu  | 1D Conc  | 0.019 | 0.1     | 8/29/2007  |
| 10/16/2007 | 50060 | Chlorine, Total Residu  | 1D Conc  | 0.019 | 0.06    | 10/16/2007 |

We received your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal application and you will be receiving a draft copy of the permit renewal in the near future. You should review it carefully, as there is a 30 day comment period to respond to any permit conditions. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3019.

Sincerely,



Michelle Sharp  
Division of Surface Water

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